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# GERMAN MOVE INTO BULGARIA Not Believed Imminent In Turkey

## British Policy In Bulgaria

The British Minister to Bulgaria, Mr. George Rendel, yesterday outlined British policy towards Bulgaria.

He was replying to questions raised by Reuter's correspondent in Sofia as a result of various statements in the Bulgarian press.

"British policy is aimed at maintenance of the neutrality and independence of Bulgaria and at preventing the war from spreading to Bulgarian soil," declared Mr. Rendel.

"The British Government welcome the development of close and friendly relations between Bulgaria and her neighbours."

### British Attitude

"We have no wish whatever of taking any initiative towards violating Bulgaria's neutrality or of involving Bulgaria in war."

"If Bulgaria loses her neutrality and war is brought to Bulgaria it will be solely and directly on the initiative of Germany."

"The question of whether the British Legation remains or not, depends solely on the movement of Germans."—Reuter.

## HURRICANE HAVOC IN PORTUGAL

It was estimated in Lisbon yesterday that 78 were killed in the hurricane that swept Portugal at the week-end. Twenty deaths occurred in Lisbon alone.

Madeira was also struck by the hurricane, damage there being estimated at about 80,000 contos, which is equal to £800,000.

In Portugal strenuous attempts are being made to restore communications and a section of the 1938 class of army telegraphists have been called to the colours to repair damage to telephone and telegraph wires throughout the country.—Reuter.

### 620 INDIANS LOST IN SEA WAR

Altogether 620 Indian lascars have been killed as a result of enemy action, according to official information released in New Delhi yesterday, says Reuter.

## But Nazi Military Preparations Continue

### AXIS NAVAL CHIEFS IN CONFERENCE

It was announced in Berlin yesterday that Admiral Raeder, Commander-in-Chief of the German navy, and Admiral Riccardi, Secretary of State for the Italian navy, conferred at Merano, Italy, on Thursday and Friday last week.

The official German news agency says: "A thorough exchange of views on the conduct of the war against England, which was carried on in a spirit of comradeship, resulted in complete unanimity."—Reuter.

**GERMAN MILITARY PREPARATIONS INSIDE BULGARIA INCLUDE THE STRENGTHENING OF RAIL BRIDGES AND ROADS AND THE LAYING DOWN OF PETROL DUMPS, ACCORDING TO RELIABLE SOURCES IN ANKARA YESTERDAY.**

**A German move into Bulgaria, however, is not regarded as imminent in Turkish circles.**

The opinion is held in Ankara that the Germans are conducting a "war of nerves" and will continue to do this until military preparations are completed.

Turkish opinion concerning the whole Balkan situation remains calm.

IT IS POINTED OUT IN ANKARA THAT THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE YUGOSLAVS HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO COLLABORATE IN OR FACILITATE GERMAN SCHEMES IN THE BALKANS.

A question pertinently asked is why should Yugoslavia facilitate a German attack on Greece which would have for object the restoration of Italian power in the Adriatic?—Reuter.

## STREET GUARDS SWORN IN

HAVING COMPLETED A SHORT COURSE IN THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL, 141 STREET GUARDS LINED UP IN THE CENTRAL POLICE COURT YESTERDAY TO TAKE THE OATH BEFORE MR. H. G. SHELTON, K.C., HONG KONG'S FIRST MAGISTRATE.

Some 500 Street Guards have been recruited and the second batch started their training yesterday.

The Street Guards will be under the direct control of the Commissioner of Police and will be recognised by their grey uniforms with red braid trimmings.

## BOMBING DANUBE ICE BARRIERS

The Danube has burst its banks and 30,000 people have been evacuated from their homes after the waters of the swollen river burst through the protective dykes 30 miles below Budapest, says a despatch to the official French news agency at Vichy yesterday.

Engineers had made desperate efforts to keep the waters back but in the end the whole region had to be abandoned.

A second "line of defence" has been formed about 12 miles from the Danube, a railway embankment being used.

Military aircraft, meanwhile, are bombing masses of ice which are stopping the flow of the river.—Reuter.

### 32,000 Flee

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Dynamiting and bombs dropped from planes in order to blast the large masses of ice in the Danube were not particularly successful and the water is continually rising.

Several areas have been evacuated and upwards of 30,000 people are fleeing to the cities.—International News Service.

## D.E.I. ATTITUDE MARKED BY CALM DETERMINATION

**PUBLIC REACTION IN THE DUTCH EAST INDIES TO THE ALARMING RUMOURS OF THE LAST TWO DAYS HAS BEEN AN ATTITUDE OF CALM DETERMINATION, STATED BATAVIA RADIO YESTERDAY.**

**"There can be no doubt whatever as to the attitude of the Dutch East Indies Government," said the announcer.**

"They will do all in their power to maintain peace in the Pacific but should honour or interest demand it they would not hesitate to defend both."

The trade negotiations with Japan were being reopened and a meeting was arranged for yesterday between the Japanese consul-general in Batavia and members of the Japanese trade

delegation and Jonkheer van Hoodstraeten, who is conducting the negotiations on behalf of the Dutch East Indies.

A REASONABLE REQUEST BY JAPAN WOULD BE ACCEDDED TO, ADDED THE ANNOUNCER, BUT UNREASONABLE DEMANDS WOULD BE MET WITH A FIRM REFUSAL.—REUTER.

### MORE ITALIAN PRISONERS

A further 3,000 Italian prisoners from North Africa arrived in Bombay yesterday, says a Reuter despatch from that port.

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# LEASE AND LEND BILL PARLEY

President Roosevelt's "War Cabinet" Meets



Clearing up shell cases after an 8-barrel Pom Pom on a British warship has been in action. (Copyright, Fox).

## Planning In Advance Of Passage

MR. HARRY HOPKINS, recently President Roosevelt's special envoy to Britain, was present at a White House conference yesterday on the subject of the Lease and Lend Bill.

Also present were the Secretary for War, Mr. Henry Stimson, the Secretary of Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, the Secretary for Navy, Col. Frank Knox, and the Secretary for Agriculture, Mr. Wickard, as well as the Director of Budgets.

## MORE U.S.A. 4-MOTOR AIRCRAFT

Two types of 4-motor aircraft now being developed by Lockheeds, one of the best known constructors of California, offer a good indication of the current trend of civil air liner development in the U.S.A. They are known as the L.44 and L.49, and are of special interest since the Lockheed Company has previously restricted its activities to 2-motor transports. One such type, the Lockheed 14, has gained a fame with the Coastal Command of the R.A.F. in the modified form known as the Hudson. The first order for Hudsons was placed just before the war.

Some details have already been published about the L.44, provisionally known as "Excalibur", but little information about the design and performance of the L.49 has so far been released. Excalibur is a four-engine, low wing monoplane, with an all-up weight of 38,500 lbs. (17 tons approximately) which is about twice the weight of the Lockheed 14, or approximately half a ton more than that of the D. H. Alba-

Mr. Stephen Early, President Roosevelt's secretary, described the conference as one of a series which will continue to make advance arrangements for the Bill. When passed, he added, many administrative requirements will be set and ready.

### Food For Britain

On Sunday night Mr. Hopkins had a conversation with President Roosevelt which lasted until 2 o'clock in the morning.

The presence of Mr. Wickard at the conference indicates the possibility that the question of food supplies for Britain was among those discussed.

After the conference Mr. Wickard said: "I think food is very necessary for British defence but I think we have more than anything else to haul food." — Reuter.

tross, a British 4-engine mail carrier. A tri-cycle type undercarriage is provided, a growing practice with American types, and there is provision for 32 passengers by day, or 16 by night, besides the crew of four. The cruising speed at a height of two miles is around 230 m.p.h. It has a ceiling of about five miles, on four Hornet engines of 750 h.p. each, and a maximum range of 2,000 miles.

## A CREW'S FIRST RAID

So thorough is the training of our bomber crews that they can go into action for the first time with the complete confidence that they are technically ready for any task.

There was an example of a successful first encounter with the enemy recently.

A bomber, with an entirely new crew, was detailed to attack the aerodrome at Haamstede. Though the A.A. fire over the target area was so close and accurate that the observation panels of the bomber were smashed, the crew persisted in their attack and successfully dropped a stick of heavy bombs across the landing ground, one bomb bursting alongside a hangar. Six Mes. 109 were seen on the ground, and the British bomber circled for a second time and attacked them with machine-gun fire to such purpose that one Me. burst into flames and was destroyed.

## ENEMY BOMBER DOWN OFF NORFOLK COAST

According to an Air Ministry communique a few bombs were dropped in east and south-east England and north Scotland yesterday, causing little damage and a small number of casualties.

An enemy bomber was shot down into the sea off the Norfolk coast in the afternoon—Reuter.

## "THUMBS UP"

Two Hurricane pilots, of different squadrons, exchanged the "thumbs up" victory sign from their cockpits after they had shot down a Messerschmidt 109 into the sea off the Isle of Wight.

The pilots had both become separated from their squadrons, and when over Cowes one of them saw two enemy aircraft crossing the clouds to the west of the Isle of Wight at about 5,000 feet.

"I dived towards them," he said, "but while diving one was lost to view. I caught the other one in the clouds and recognised it as a Messerschmidt 109. After emerging from the clouds, I found myself about 200 yards behind and gave it a one-second burst. Immediately I saw blue smoke coming from the engine, and the pilot jettisoned his hood."

"I broke away above him, and saw another Hurricane making an attack from astern. I then circled round the enemy, which was losing height and taking violent evasive action with sharp turns to right and left. It finally fell into the sea near Ventnor. I then returned to my base, and the pilot of the other Hurricane had given me the 'thumbs up' sign."

## DUTCHMEN IN. HIGHLAND DANCES

Dutchmen who fly American-built aircraft for the Coastal Command are learning Scottish dancing. They are officers and crews of the Royal Dutch Naval Air Service.

A Pilot Officer at one air station who is the chief of an old Highland clan thought that the efforts of his colleagues at Eightsoemes, Foursomes and other folk dances could be immensely improved. He offered instruction. The idea caught on, and soon the Pilot Officer found himself conducting a kind of Highland dancing academy at the aerodrome.

Most of the Dutch personnel asked to be allowed to join in, and they proved apt pupils. One of them is a mouth-organ expert who can now produce first class bagpipe effects. When pipers are not available, he plays the accompaniments for reels.

Like many of the R.A.F. people, the Dutch airmen have acquired kilts, and everyone dances and whoops with the greatest enthusiasm.

Their squadron includes pilots who had many thousands of hours of civil flying experience on the Peace-time R.L.M. routes.

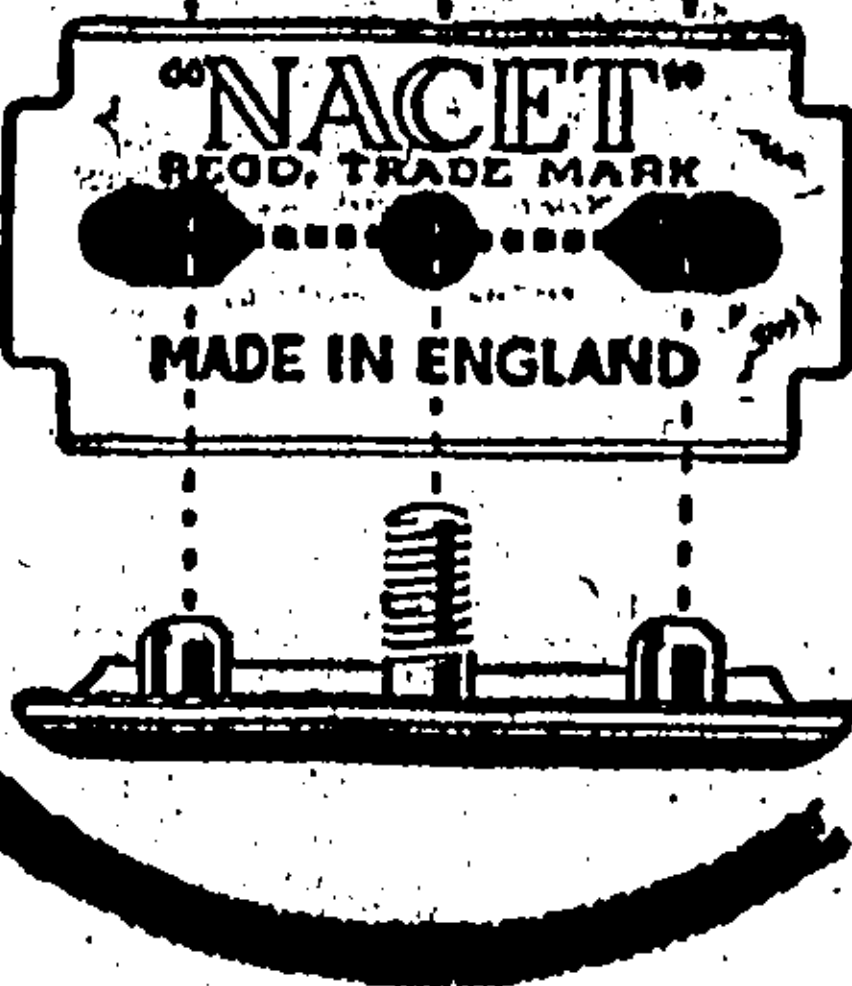


The gun crew on a minesweeper. They are wearing anti-flash headgear and gloves made of asbestos to prevent burns while firing. (Copyright, Fox).

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## BACHELOR PALS—A WOMAN CALLED

Two young men met after the last war while working on the same job. They became fast friends. They shared their lives.

And in 1930 the two men, John Wingfield Jones, and John Hogg, started a life as bachelors in the same house, in Poolford Road, Colindale, Hendon.

The life went on until 1937. Then a woman came to the house, a half-sister of Jones, called Jean.

She had expressed sympathy for the death of a nephew, and asked her to call.

She paid further calls, and Jones objected. But in July, 1938, when the housekeeper left, she began to live in the house. Next year, Jones was killed in a motor accident.

His friend Hogg married Jean, and lived in the £2,000 house where the pals had shared their bachelor life.

### "Against Last Wish"

This story was told in the Kent Bench Division because the house had become the subject of a legal dispute.

"The woman provides a good deal of the explanation of this action," said counsel.

Mr. William Jones, an administrator of the estate of Mr. John Wingfield Jones, of Bellevue Road, Wallasey, Cheshire, sued Mr. John Hogg, of Poolford Road, Colindale, Hendon, for possession of a house in Poolford Road, and return of the furniture of £320, its value.

### Claimed Half Share

Mr. Hogg contended that when Mr. John Jones was alive they pooled their earnings, saving everything fifty-fifty, keeping only a few shillings for cinemas and cigarettes. He claimed a half-share in the property.

Mr. Eric Neve, K.C., said that Mr. John Jones, who planned about £500 a year, had supplied nearly all the money to run the house.

He was on good terms with all his family except the half-sister, Jean.

After his death, Mr. Hogg was offered a fifth share in the estate. But Mr. Hogg returned to the house, claimed it as his own, and married the half-sister.

Mr. William Jones, John's brother, said it was against his brother's last wishes that Hogg went back to the house with Jean. Hearing adjourned.



Mechanised material and troops of the British Forces on Greek soil, being surrounded by crowds when passing through a town. (Copyright, Fox).

# Dive-Bomber Lairs In Sicily Heavily Raided

THE LAIRS OF dive-bombers in Sicily were attacked by the R.A.F. during the weekend, a communique issued by R.A.F. Headquarters in the Middle East in Cairo saying the attacks took place on Saturday night.

At Catania hangars and administrative buildings were bombed and several fires and explosions caused. Aircraft on the ground were burned.

At Cosimo bombs fell on dispersed aircraft, causing explosions and fires, one of which lasted over half an hour.

The aerodrome at Gela was also attacked successfully and aircraft on the return journey from this raid machine-gunned the beacon station at Cape Passero.

### Direct Hits

Hangars, buildings, and workshops at Mai Adaga, in Eritrea, were heavily damaged and photographs were taken showing the effect of several direct hits.

Around Keren fighter aircraft supported British troops.

Near Gurz enemy aircraft were intercepted and shot down and others damaged near Keren.

In Abyssinia dispersed enemy aircraft and stores were set on fire at Chinelli.

### German Shot Down

Australian fighter aircraft intercepted German bombers near Benghazi and one German plane was shot down.

Raids on Malta on Saturday and Sunday caused no damage to R.A.F. property.

A Fleet Air Arm plane on reconnaissance off the coast of Tunis attacked and sunk a merchant vessel of about 7,000 tons.

Only one British bomber and one fighter failed to return from these operations.—Reuter.

a sheep was killed and a "boma" built for them to rest in. A runner was sent off to Kibaya for help, reaching there in record time. There he found William, who organised the relief party and immediately set off on the six-hour walk through the night to reach the distressed airmen.

In gratitude to their rescuers the survivors left all their available money, 160 shillings, with the District Officer for the reward or William and the other Masai with him.

The Government of the Union of South Africa, and the Commander of the Sth. Africa Air Forces, have expressed their thanks to the Government of Tanganyika for the assistance rendered in the search for the airmen, and the care of the survivors.

## RESCUE OF SOUTH AFRICAN AIRMEN BY MASAI

FOUR SURVIVORS of a Vickers Valencia which crashed deep in the bush country of Tanganyika owe their lives to a rescue party of Masai natives, and especially to William a Masai clerk-dresser.

Heading for Dodoma at dawn on the 2nd August with twelve occupants, the aircraft was reported missing in the afternoon. It had last wirelessly from a point about 100 miles from Moshi, an hour after setting out. As it was thought the machine was off its bearing, a search ranging over thousands of square miles became necessary.

South African Air Force aircraft took off to search the bush and emergency landing grounds. And a party of four cars, carrying food, water and medical supplies also set out, directed by radio from the searching aircraft. Masai kraals accessible to the road and side-tracks were visited, but without success. All the Masai met with were told to keep a lookout for the big flying-machine, and to pass the news on. Then the ground party's wireless went out of action, and contact between the air and ground searchers ceased.

On the evening of the next day at a kraal about 70 miles south of Naberera the ground party heard news of a crashed plane many miles across country. Three or four survivors, said to be badly burned, were reported to have made contact with Masai. Led by Masai guides the cars were driven towards the spot, until thick bush and darkness made further progress impossible. Then, with Masai porters from nearby kraals, the search party continued all night on foot. After beating off an at-

tack by a lioness, they reached at midnight, a kraal near the crash. Here they learned that another search party, sent by the Kibaya Native Authority, had already found the survivors and set off again through the night for Kibaya, which they hoped to reach before sun-up.

At 7 a.m. next day four survivors were found by the car party 9 miles from Kibaya, completely exhausted, in the care of Masai natives and William, a Masai clerk-dresser from Kibaya. The survivors were Lieut. Bosman, the pilot, Lieut. Allam, Lieut. Murray and Sgt. Mechanic Smith, all of the Sth. African Air Force. Lt. Bosman was seriously injured in the head and badly burned; the others had burned hands, and minor injuries. Eight passengers had been killed.

The survivors could not speak too highly of the help and kindness rendered by the natives. It was not until late on the day of the crash that they found human habitation—a Masai milk. They were given water and milk,

## MR. JOHN WHYATT HARD AT WORK

It was announced in New Delhi yesterday that Mr. Archibald Carter has assumed the post of Chairman of the Eastern Group Supply Council.

Pending the arrival of representatives of Australia, South Africa and New Zealand, Mr. John Whyatt, Secretary of the Council, has commenced the spadework.—Reuter.

## NAZIS SACK DR. COLIJN

Dr. Hendrik Colijn, 71-year-old former Dutch Prime Minister, has been dismissed by the Germans from his post as editor of the conservative newspaper "De Standaard," it was learned in London yesterday.

Dr. Colijn, the Germans say, "will not adapt himself to the new conditions."

Dr. Colijn has been associated with the paper one of the most influential in Holland for over 20 years and had acted as editor since his retirement from the Cabinet.

He has long been at loggerheads with the Axis and "De Standaard" was the first paper suppressed by the Germans because of a leading article in which Dr. Colijn attacked the German White Book on Holland and Belgium.—Reuter.

## DULL DAY ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE

The London Stock Exchange was dull yesterday apart from home rails where anticipatory speculative buying in view of dividend announcements due on Feb. 28 caused useful advances. Gilt-edged were steady. Oils turned irregular while industrials tended easier, especially textiles, on the projected curtailment but tobaccos were maintained. Kafirs were steady at a small decline. Japanese bonds rallied on the lessened Far Eastern tension. Wall Street was very quiet.—Reuter.

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## HE WOULD HANG THE RENT SHARKS

PROFITEERING BY landlords at the expense of homeless air-raid victims is so serious in Birmingham that the Lord Mayor has called a special meeting of the council to discuss it.

This was stated by Sir Percival Bower after he had criticised the city's billeting officers at a council meeting.

"I'd have many of these landlords in Birmingham hanged for trying to profiteer out of these poor people," he told a reporter. "The treatment some of our billeting officers are handing out to bombed-out families is a disgrace to our city."

At the meeting Sir Percival described the plight of the people as "pitiful" and "a reflection on the city."

"Waiting for Hours"

Other councillors also complained how homeless old men and women, many of whom had lost their relatives waited for hours outside the billeting office.

The billeting officers should have looked ahead and decentralised their offices instead of making all these poor people tramp to the city centre to wait outside the office for hours," Sir Percival told the meeting.

"Then landlords try to rob them when they offer them a new home."

## LIGHTS UP FOR LANDINGS

Every night a group of R.A.F. officers and men will be waiting on the aerodrome; it is their business to make sure that no accidents happen to any aircraft using it. They must keep in touch by telephone with the officer in the control tower. They have charge of the flare path, and they also have one or two powerful lamps which can make a large part of the field almost as bright as day. One of them is responsible for signalling to the crews of aircraft either in the air or on the ground. Their work can be complicated and dangerous.

Take a typical night. It is extremely dark. Some of our bombers are returning, others are just ready to start, and at the same time enemy raiders are overhead. Obviously as few lights as possible must be shown, but some are essential. Some machine taxiing across the field towards the waiting group of officers and men have to show their navigation lights, and there are lights in the air, which mean that one of the returning bombers is ready to land.

The squadron commander comes up and wishes the group good evening; he tells the officer in charge to land one machine before he lets anybody leave for Germany.

"Give him as much light as possible."

"You know enemy aircraft are overhead, sir."

"Yes, but the crew coming in have just made their first operational flight, and their pilot isn't used to this aerodrome yet."

The noise of the returning bomber mingles with that of the aircraft waiting to leave; this has now reached its starting point and the pilot is watching for the light which signals him to go. A coloured light tells him to wait, and another is flashed towards the homecoming bomber. It makes the right signal in reply, and immediately begins to land.

The bright lights are switched on and there follow thirty seconds of acute suspense. Two things can happen; the bomber can make a safe landing or an enemy bomb may put an end to an otherwise successful voyage.

The aircraft lands, the lights at once go out, and the Germans have missed their chance. But everybody is too busy to think about the danger; they have to send the second bomber on its way. The pilot of the aircraft is experienced and needs no light other than that of the flare path. As soon as he has seen the signal his engines roar, he drives past the waiting group, and all of them, though they have done this work a hundred times before, watch him as he slowly rises in the air.

In the dark it seems a long time before he gets up, and even then one of the most hardened of the onlookers wonders he has failed to get safely away. At last he is up and away, but before his navigation lights have faded into the distance another bomber is circling round the aerodrome, waiting for permission to land. The squadron commander says: "Tell him to wait ten minutes; I want to get these other chaps off first."

Far in the distance there is the noise of falling bombs and of anti-aircraft fire, but the noise gets no nearer and all our aircraft land according to plan. Soon the rest of the waiting bombers have taken off and when they have gone no lights at all can be seen.

## A PROUD MOMENT

An R.A.F. officer had the misfortune to burst a tyre on the Embankment. As he was juggling with the jack and the spare wheel, three boys in their Sunday best came up and offered to help him. Without more ado they turned to with a right good will. In no time they had the old wheel off and the spare wheel on. Incidentally, in their enthusiasm, they also had the car off its jack and on the hub!

The job done, they put on their overcoats and the R.A.F. officer proceeded to distribute largesse. At least, that was his idea. But when the boys were offered a shilling, the officer received a polite but determined refusal. It was quite impossible to get them to accept any money.

"No thank you, sir," the youngest one said proudly, "We are only too pleased to be able to do something for someone in the R.A.F!"

The R.A.F. officer was never so proud of his uniform as he was then, and he hopes those boys will see this tribute.

## HEROINE DEFIES FALLING BOMBS

"You are very, very brave," said the King to Mrs. Frances Hartley, ambulance driver, who was presented to him during his tour of raid-battered Southampton.

The town clerk, wearing a steel helmet in place of his customary ceremonial wig, told the King that Mrs. Hartley was driving her ambulance along a road when a bomb burst nearby.

The blast lifted the ambulance from the road on to the pavement.

Dazed, the driver got out to find two badly wounded soldiers in the road. With the aid of a policeman and a Dutch sailor she lifted them into her ambulance while bombs were still falling and drove them to hospital.

Mrs. Hartley was presented to the King during an A.R.P. and police parade in the forecourt of the city's £750,000 civic centre, damaged but still the seat of local government.

## Hun Overhead

The King, wearing naval uniform, saw soldiers and civilians toiling with shovel and spade to clear debris.

An enemy reconnaissance plane flew over the city. A.A. guns drove it away.

The King glanced skywards at the white puffs of bursting shells—and went on with his tour.

He also visited Portsmouth, where thousands of seamen and workmen cheered him as he walked through the dockyards.

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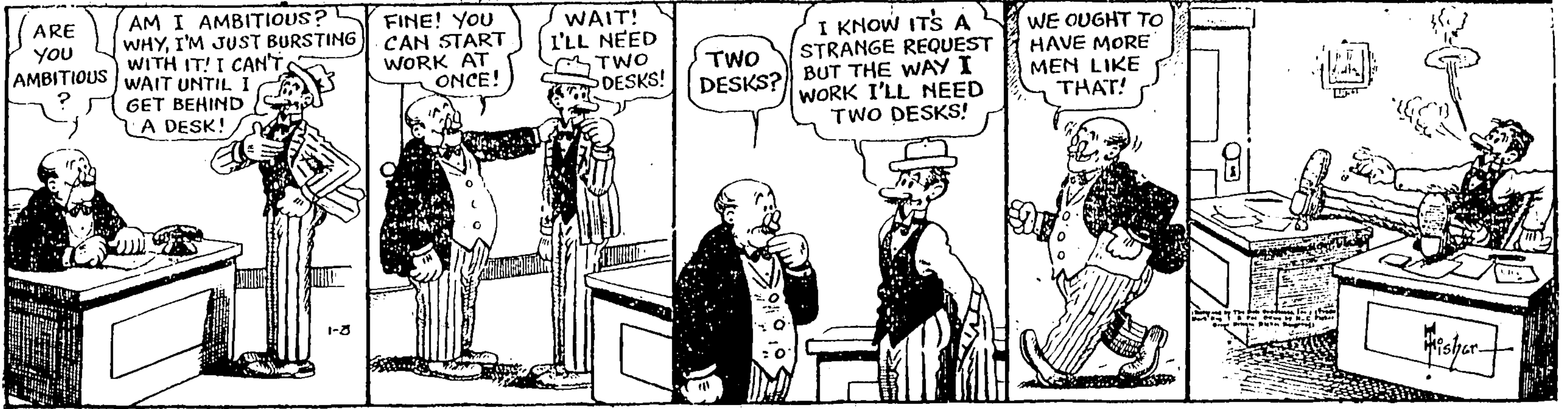
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GLAD EYES HIT WAR OUTPUT

WOMEN ARE SHOWING more aptitude for munition work than men — as long as they do not work side by side with the men.

Managers of big factories find that when women and men work together the attention of the women wanders from their work.

They are more interested in talking to the men and making sure their noses are not shiny than in filling shells more quickly than their neighbour.

But when the women are working alone they are quicker at picking up their job, and much more eager to beat the output of their colleagues than are men.

The speed of output falls when men and girls work side by side.

The welfare manager of a large Essex firm engaged in Government work stated:

"The girls immediately become more interested in the men than in their work."

"They chat with the men and constantly powder their noses in case the foreman should fail to approve of a girl with a shiny nose."

"In actual fact this is ridiculous. We prefer girls who give us the greatest output."

Keen To Work

"No amount of eye-play directed at the foreman will help a girl towards a better job."

"Her good work is one does that."

"When girls work in the shops by themselves they are much quicker at their jobs."

"The munition girls are exceedingly keen on their work."

"But they like to pick and choose their particular job. When they have the one they want we find they are the finest workpeople we employ."

70 MILE CHASE OUT TO SEA

"I was sent out in a Hurricane to do some aerobatics." That is how a pilot of the Free French Air Force began his report the other day. He had gone up on a training flight, but he came back to tell the story of a running fight with a German bomber which he chased 70 miles out to sea.

"I saw an aircraft coming from the sea at about 10,000 feet," he said. "I went to identify it. It turned back as soon as it saw me, and I followed it into the clouds at 22,000 feet. The upper rear gunner opened fire on me. I went close and also opened fire. The enemy dived to the clouds. I could not find him again. After looking about for ten minutes I had ice on my windscreen and I was about 70 miles away from the coast, so I came back."

An increasing number of Poles, Czechs, Frenchmen and Belgians are finishing their training in British types of aircraft and beginning to take part in air fighting.

They are generally veterans compared with R.A.F. fighter pilots. Their average age is 25-28. Many have had long service in commercial flying, and have also fought with distinction in Poland and France. But individual achievement was often higher than collective training, and they had to learn not only how to fly Hurricanes and Spitfires, but also the elements of squadron formation tactics.

Instructors and senior British officers have been astonished at their swift progress. For example, the first batch of a Polish squadron, now taking part in the defence of London, began training on Hurricanes in July, and the second batch in August. Yet early in August, when their Commander-in-Chief, General Sikorski, visited them they put up a display of formation flying, which, was almost perfect. And later in August, when they were made operational, they went out on their first patrol and shot down a Ju.88.

The spirit of these Poles is shown by the experience of one who was out on a training flight in a Hurricane when the engine seized up and caught fire. He came down in flames, severely burning his hands by keeping hold of the stick, and making a controlled landing. Even so, he would have been trapped in the blazing machine if, when it landed, it had not hit an obstacle and thrown him out, only 15 feet clear. A farmer and some other helpers rushed up and were dragging him to safety when the ammunition started exploding.

Although barely conscious, the Polish pilot insisted on his rescuers lying on the ground until all the ammunition had gone off. The farmer repaid this act by obtaining a baker's van within five minutes and taking the Pole straight to hospital.

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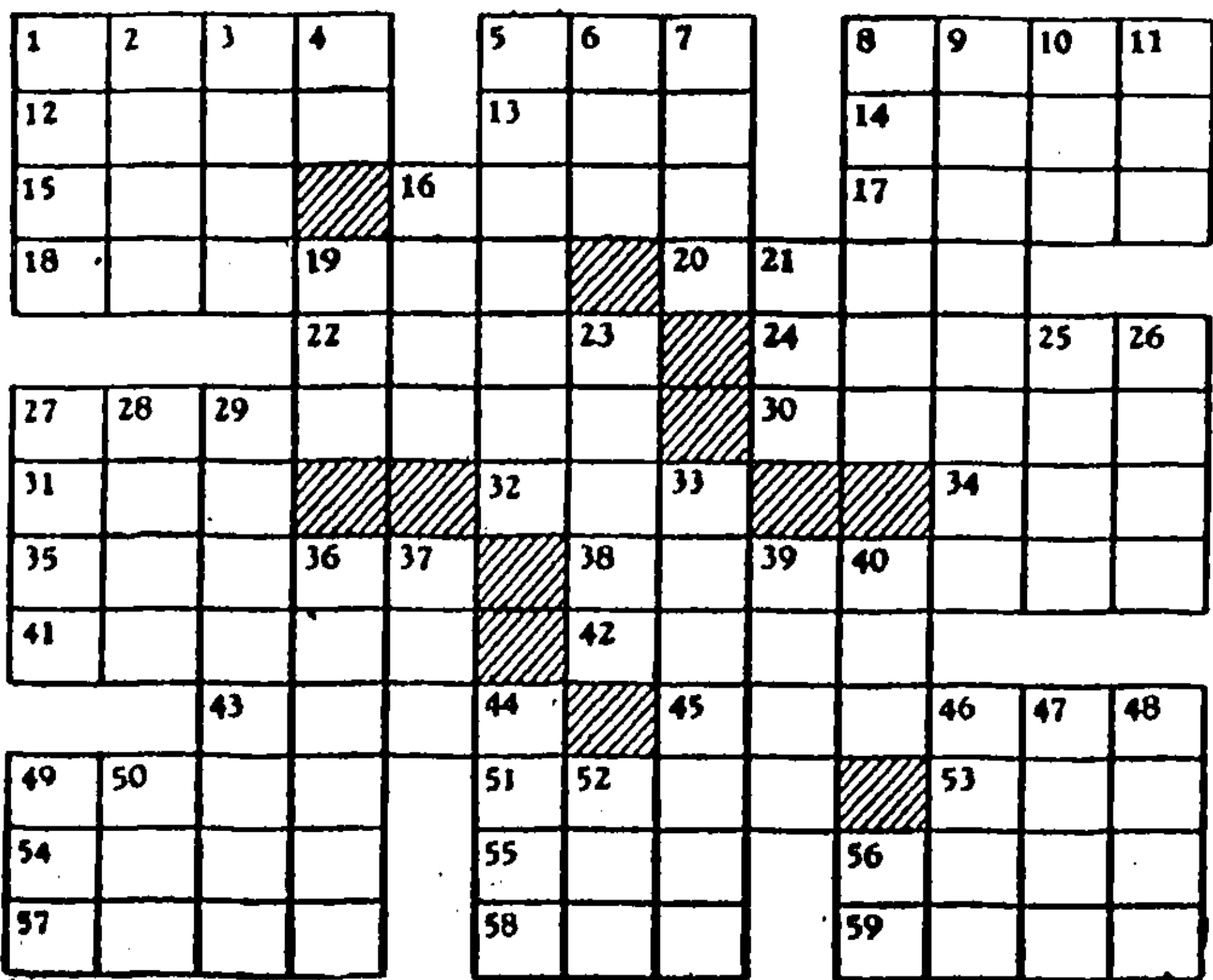
INDIANS VOLUNTEER

Many Indian pilots who have offered their services to the R.A.F. are hoping soon to join other Indian pilot officers who are now in training in Britain.

One of them is the young brother of one of the most experienced pilots among the first batch to reach England. This officer said the other day: "Before I left India my little brother, who is 23, came to me and said he had volunteered for the R.A.F."

"Why did you do that?" I asked him. "Well," he said, "supposing you get killed. Only supposing. Well, if you do, we want at least one member of our family fighting these dashed Germans, don't we?"

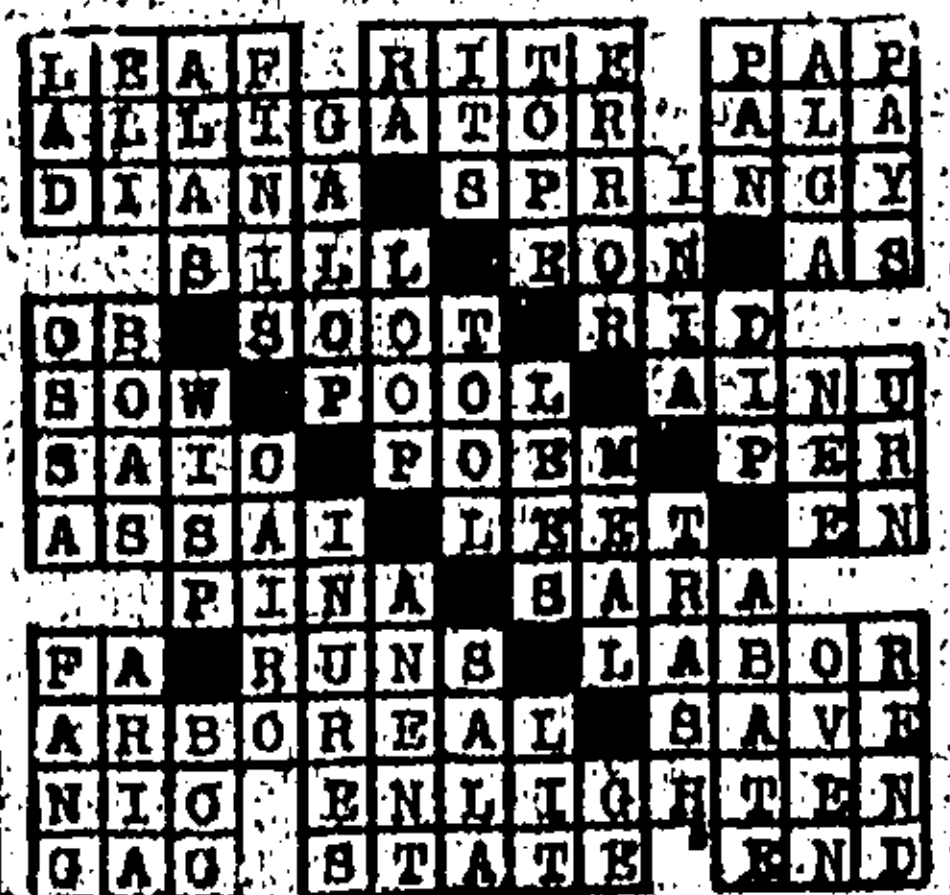
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  - 13 The self
  - 14 To interpret
  - 15 To row
  - 16 Front part of a vessel
  - 17 Southwest wind
  - 18 Character in "The Three Musketeers"
  - 20 Tardy
  - 22 Ancient European country
  - 24 King of Bulgaria
  - 27 Acrobat
  - 30 Place of combat
  - 31 Fish eggs
  - 32 Fricot
  - 34 Biblical character
  - 35 Dart
  - 38 City in Albania
  - 41 Birthplace of Mohammed
  - 42 Bad
  - 43 Brain passage
  - 46 To engage the service of

- VERTICAL**
- 1 Greek portico
  - 2 Sandarac tree
  - 3 Invisible emanation
  - 4 Note of scale
  - 5 To endure
  - 6 Time gone by
  - 7 Monk's hood
  - 8 Politician
  - 9 Humble
  - 10 Fruit drink
  - 11 Gaelic sea-god
  - 16 Holy-water font
  - 19 Chess pieces
  - 21 Arabian garment
  - 23 Ante
  - 25 Girl's name
  - 26 Girl's name
  - 27 Metric measure
  - 28 Old time
  - 29 Lenient
  - 33 Indigence
  - 36 Groups of eight
  - 37 Scotch sorrowful
  - 39 Husk
  - 40 Sick
  - 44 Mother of the gods
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## INVISIBLE MEN MURDER NAZI GUARDS

IN THE LONELIER stretches of the Landes forests, around Biarritz and Bayonne, and down in the passes of the Pyrenees a total of 16 German guards have been found murdered or badly injured within the past month. The injured Germans who survived tell of heavy blows rained on them in the darkness and under cover of the black-out, which has now been made blacker than ever.

Some of the dead German soldiers were knifed, some beaten to death with what appeared to be clubs roughly fashioned out of wooden logs from the forests. Near the body of one man police found a Basque beret—of the kind most people wear in the Basque country.

Bordeaux, Biarritz, and Saint Jean de Luz make up a region in which many people are proud to recall their historic association with the English, and boast of being as English as the English themselves. This area is one of the danger zones so far as the German army of occupation is concerned — far more dangerous than Paris.

### Soldier Scapegoats

Sixteen dead or seriously injured German guards may seem a small number, but it is considerable when you realise that the people have been ordered to give up all arms.

The Germans have clamped down new restrictions on the Basque country from their headquarters in Biarritz. They have tried to round up suspects. Unable to find the real assassins, they arrested 16 French soldiers just due to be demobilised and sent them to a concentration camp in Germany.

In each country, parish, village, or town where German guards have been attacked, an order has been posted up saying: "The inhabitants of this district are fined a sum of 20,000 francs and are forbidden to move outside their homes after five o'clock at night for three weeks. This order will be rescinded only if the murderer is produced."

Usually, too, the local mayor is put in prison.

The Germans calculate, and they are right, that the thing the French people most dread is being sent to concentration camps in Germany, for the French realise that there is little hope of ever returning.

According to what officers in charge of gendarmeries tell me, at least 500 Frenchmen have been rounded up in South-Western France alone and sent to concentration camps in the heart of Germany.

### "A Boche"

Nothing is ever heard of them. They are allowed to write no letters. Many of their relatives give them up for dead.

But all this does not cow the French. Their spirit is high—amazingly high considering the last year of catastrophe.

Let me emphasise that our people still call Germans "Les Boches," and that is significant.

It is a healthy sign. It expresses more than anything else the attitude of the people now to the army of occupation.

If a German army official calls at a house to ask about billeting or to inquire about something somebody has said in a local cafe, the French servant goes in to her master and says, quite naturally and in tones quite audible to the man at the door, "There is a Boche to see you."

That happened while I was having an aperitif in the villa of a friend at Biarritz.

In the famous Bar Basque in St. Jean de Luz, 30 or 40 Germans stamped in the other day and called for drinks in a loud voice.

Soon they began shouting, singing, and making themselves generally objectionable. They got noisier and noisier until suddenly the 19-years-old son of the then Mayor of St. Jean de Luz jumped up, flung his arms in the air and shouted:

"These — Boches! I've had just about enough of them!"

French people in the bar began to applaud excitedly. Turning to the Germans the youth shouted:

"The sooner you clear right out of this bar the better." He added a familiar insult in tones so decided that the Germans, whether they spoke French or not, were under no illusions as to his meaning.

### "Six Months"

A man in plain clothes stepped up to him and said, "Come with me."

He produced papers proving that he was an agent of the Gestapo.

Later, at the headquarters of the Gestapo in the Grand Hotel, the German Security Police Chief said to the youth, "Did you say those words? Did you use the word 'Boches'?"

The boy answered that he did. The Gestapo Chief replied that his orders were not to punish the French unless they created disturbances. He added, "You created a disturbance and you will be an example to the others. You will be sent to a concentration camp in Germany for six months."

The mayor pleaded that his son was drunk. "Nonsense," said the German. "I saw him myself a few minutes after the incident. I know he was sober."

The mayor's son was led away to take a slow-moving train to Germany, there to face unknown horrors.

The only difference between this youth and other ordinary people of French provinces is that they think the same but try to keep their thoughts to themselves.

That they are putting those thoughts into action is shown by a recent order considerably increasing the number of soldiers patrolling strategic points throughout South-Western France.

Where formerly they would post one guard, they now have five or six. I should say that for every one German attacked in the Paris region, a dozen are attacked in this part of the country.

The Germans tried to reopen a powder factory and aircraft works near Bordeaux, but these had to close again a few weeks later because of a series of explosions, almost certainly caused by saboteurs, and because of fires in the aircraft workshops.

The Germans are having trouble with their own troops in Occupied France. They are finding it difficult to control their men during these long, boring weeks in districts where they are completely ignored by the inhabitants.

In the Biarritz region, one of the greatest topics to the French is the extraordinary gloominess of the German troops. Their morale is not what you would expect from the men who crushed Franco in so short a time, and who have all the riches of France at their feet.

They sit and stand about in (Continued on Page 10).



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## RUSSIA—NEUTRAL BROKER?

The spectacle of continuing Russian-Nazi co-operation tends to produce concern wherever totalitarianism is feared or opposed. It tends also to screen the political friction which exists between those two States and which is exacerbated by Nazi pressure on Slav peoples in the Balkans. Negotiations over trade, such as those held recently, can be entered into at any time without raising political issues, yet they serve as an opportunity for each party to sound out the political attitudes of the other.

Had there been nothing of a commercial nature to discuss, the talks still might have taken place. But there evidently was something of a commercial nature that required examination.

Germany now needs more than it expected to need when the last commercial agreement was reached with the Soviets. Harvests in the Danubian area, Europe's principal granary, have been reduced by untoward weather and by diversion of man and mule power from the soil to wartime activities. The British blockade has exerted cumulative pressure on German economy, depriving it of key materials with which to make use even of many materials which Germany possesses.

One way in which Russia might enlarge its trade with Germany is suggested in reports of negotiations between the Soviet Union and the Argentine Government. The Argentine Minister of Agriculture is quoted as saying Argentina is ready to sell to anybody who wants to buy. Thus "neutral" Russia may attempt to play the part of a big neutral broker between the "new order" and the New World.

This possibility is already being dealt with, apparently, by British efforts to divert Argentine foodstuffs to Spain. It is not improbable that the United States can also play an effective part in reducing supplies that might reach Germany through Russia.

IN the Atlantic theatre of war the Germans for the moment retain the initiative and are on the offensive; the British are still compelled to a defensive attitude for the most part.

Remembering the principle that there are only two ways to attack either a fortress or a country—assault or blockade—it is now clear that the Germans have, for the time being at least, given up the idea of assault and are concentrating on blockade to reduce British resistance. Assault involves actual penetration of the island of Great Britain, and the seizing and the holding of so many of its vital centre and interior communications as to compel its surrender.

Great Britain being an island and the British Navy being in command of the sea to an extent which the Germans cannot hope to overcome, it would always be necessary for the Germans to counterbalance this British sea command by sufficient air superiority of their own to permit the passage of German troops across the narrow waters of the Channel and their disembarkation on British shores. The German experience in the Skagerrak with operations of this sort apparently gave them an exaggerated opinion of air powers' potentialities in such operations; they did not sufficiently allow for the respective distances from base, which was in their favour in the Skagerrak, but is in Britain's favour now. Distance is indeed the most important single factor in assessing the ability of air power to perform a given task.

It must, therefore, be assumed that in default of a future gaining of air superiority by the Germans, which does not appear likely any German invasion

attempt would be an indication of a degree of desperation in German inner councils rather beyond such surface indications as are now available.

As present, at any rate, the Germans are concentrating on blockade—or, we may say, counter-blockade—of the island of Great Britain. For this they have obtained admirable positions, far better than those they had in the last war, while Britain's position is far worse, since she lacks any point of support on the French coast or in Elre. The Germans have access to the open Atlantic

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both north of the British Isles (in Norway) and the south of them (in France).

They hold, indeed, the whole coast of Europe from North Cape to the Spanish frontier. Their access to the Atlantic from Norway is somewhat impeded by the British occupation of Iceland and the Faroes, but long nights and bad weather undoubtedly enable raiders and blockade runners to slip through. If this were all, however, the danger would not be so great. The real danger lies to the south, where French bases on the Channel and the Bay of Biscay are now nests for German submarines, closely supported by aircraft.

It is in this combination of submarine and aeroplane, in which the plane finds for the submarine prey and helps in attacking it, that the real danger lies. While shipping losses have not yet risen to the levels of the black months of 1917, they are sufficiently disquieting; and it is clear that no satisfactory answer to this combination has yet been evolved.

Certainly, whatever new devices Britain is, at the moment, sadly short of both surface escort vessels and of long-range sea-planes and flying-boats; and she will need also additional merchant tonnage to make up for the losses. I should, however, venture the guess that the Admiralty would value above every other gain which they might be offered the right to use the bases of Elre in carrying out counter-measures.

The reason for this statement will be clear from a glance at a map. While the Germans hold the French coastline, the Channel is

not much use for ocean convoys; and the Channel ports will be under constant air attack. It will also be difficult to use the western approaches, so that for all practical purposes the supplies of Britain must be carried on by ships coming by way of the northern approaches, reaching from the north of Ireland, the ports of the Clyde, the Mersey, and the Bristol Channel, and other ports on the West Coast.

A convoy may occasionally slip through around the north of Scotland, but this is dangerous also, while German guns and mines at the Strait of Dover cut off access to the East Coast from that direction.

Save for coastal trade, the East Coast may be counted out for the time being. These conditions make the waters on the west of Scotland and the north of Ireland a happy hunting ground for German submarines and their aerial assistants, since this is the great focal area of traffic. The task of British ships and planes in dealing with them would be immensely simplified

if the northern and western Elre bases were available. Moreover, were Berehaven and Queenstown in British hands, it might be possible to give some protection to convoys coming through the western approaches, thus dividing the enemy's forces and increasing the mathematical chances of any particular convoy coming safely to port.

As for the German bombing attacks now being directed against British ports and industrial centres, it is to be noted that these are all part of a blockade programme—that is, an attack directed against communications.

The necessary concentration of British shipping activities at west coast ports permits the enemy likewise to concentrate his efforts. Even when these are directed at industrial areas such as Birmingham and Coventry, they are still part of the blockade scheme—the ultimate purpose of which is to prevent overseas supplies being translated into British war material.

It is, however, to be noted, that for the most part German bombing attacks are taking place at night. In their day attacks their losses have proved to be prohibitive. Night attacks are much more difficult to stop by defensive means now available, though others may be presently perfected.

No form of attack has yet been devised by man against which a defence was not found in time. Moreover, night attacks necessarily reduce the accuracy of bombing, which reduces the chance of damage to individually important targets.

Meanwhile, Britain is effectively maintaining the grip of her own seaborne blockade on Germany and German-conquered territory. In a military sense it is the relaxation of this blockade by capture or destruction of its bases in the island of Great Britain which is the principal German objective at the moment. That island also serves as a base for the British counter-offensive by air against German industries and military centres, which is having its effect upon the German war effort.

This counter-offensive has from the beginning been largely confined to night bombing, and has been handicapped by the greater average distance to German centres from British bases than from presently held German bases to British centres. However, if the British have no effective counter-agent to the night bomber, neither have the Germans; and the superior technique of the R.A.F. counts for much.

It may be suggested that the first belligerent to discover such a counter-agent will possess an enormous advantage in point of time. Time is indeed a factor of the greatest importance in this war. In the long run, if Britain can—as now seems probable—hold out through the winter, the spring will bring with it the beginning of a gradual change in Britain's favour as far as air power is concerned.

This is by reason of the fact that the vast industrial capacity of the United States, added to that of the Dominions, will begin to weight the scales in favour of Britain.

Germany neither has, nor can acquire, any distant armouries such as these, out of reach of direct attack. If the products of those distant plants can but be assured of reaching the embattled British island, they should begin, as spring arrives, to increase British security against air attack, while increasing the power of her counter-offensive against Germany.

For the moment then, the chief task of Britain is to keep her great island base secure and keep its communications with North America and the rest of the outer world open.

The chief task of Germany must be to reduce that base or isolate it before its offensive possibilities can be fully exploited to back up the effect of the British sea blockade.

Weighing all factors, favourable and unfavourable, a considered judgment, based on the best military information available in England, must conclude that while the chief danger is to the British sea communications, chances seem in favour of Britain in this immediate contest. Those chances would be enhanced almost to point of certainty (if any) can be certain in war) by acquisition of the Irish base Elre, or by a serious embolism of Germany in an eastern south-eastern theatre of war both.

The latter possibility is bound up with the present events in the Mediterranean.

## Cards On The Table

In a recent article I expressed some scepticism about the idea broached by certain military experts that Hitler would seek to help Mussolini in his adversity, either by a drive through Bulgaria to the Turkish frontier or through Yugoslavia to Salonika. Goebbels had just rather pointedly announced that the thorough German always made the most careful preparations before delivering one of his smashing blows; and it seemed highly improbable that his chief would so far depart from this principle as to commit himself to an improvised expedition through difficult country, with possibly hostile populations, in the depths of winter. I suggested instead that he would seek to help his partner in a different way—by intensifying his bombing of British cities so as to prevent us from sending aircraft to the help of Greece, and by increasing his attacks on British shipping, so as to prevent us from sending warships to the Mediterranean.

Moreover, apart from the plight of Italy, a general speeding-up may well be a German necessity. If the oil situation is not immediately urgent, there is at least sufficient doubt whether German and still more, Italian supplies of petrol and lubricating oils would suffice to carry through the long war which we are prepared to fight. Again, to have something to show the German people, who have to stomach the disagreeable fact that, instead of ending in triumph last September, as they were led to expect, the war still has no end in sight, may also be for him highly desirable.

### The New Phase

The evidence now leaves little doubt that this is the new phase of the war decreed from Berlin. It has been compared with the dangerous emergency of April, 1917, but there are differences as well as similarities between the two occasions. The sinkings reported in recent weeks are by no means up to the level of 1917, and the problem they present is not the same as that which confronted us in that year. Then we were groping about for the means of countering the submarine, and in a serious uncertainty whether we should find it in time. Now we are in no doubt about the means, and our uncertainty, if any, is only about the sufficiency of them at our disposal to deal as forcibly and promptly with the danger as we should wish.

The other side of the comparison is equally important. In 1917 the U-boat could find its way into the Atlantic only through the bottle-neck of the Straits of Dover or round the north coast of

Scotland; now it has the French ports at its disposal, and can proceed straight from these into the Western seas. Then, as in the early months of this war, we had the French Fleet to help us in tracking down the enemy; now we have to do the whole business

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single-handed, with the further handicap that the use of the Irish naval bases is denied to us.

It is, perhaps, surprising that we have not suffered more under these disabilities than we actually have in the last five months. I well remember the anxious anticipations in March, 1918, when we had to face the possibilities that the Channel ports would fall into German hands. They were far gloomier than the worst we have suffered in these months. Whatever befalls, we can keep a good heart over this business, and, with the assurance given in Parliament, recently that it is under the Prime Minister's special supervision, resist all temptation to go hunting for scapegoats. In these circumstances it seems to me that we owe it to our friends everywhere, but especially in the United States, to explain to them exactly the position in which we are placed. When Lord Lothian on returning to America opened up the question of credits for Britain, there were some in this country who shook their heads and blamed him for a supposed indiscretion in this delicate matter. That was not at all the view taken in America. There he was thanked for his frankness in "laying the cards on the table."

### Time For Frankness

But they were not quite all the cards, or, at least not those which we should most wish to catch American eyes at this moment. We are not seriously troubled about the questions of money and credit which may arise between us and the United States in the course of next year. We feel in our bones that the American people, with their generous sympathies for our cause, and the conviction they have so often expressed that it is also their cause and bound up with their security, will find a way through Johnson Acts and Neutrality Acts, or any other formal obstacles which would reduce these high matters to the level of cash and carry. But since they invite and welcome frankness, we need feel no hesitation in explaining to them that what we most need at this moment is the quick delivery of "planes, ships, and all supplies which may help us to provide sufficient escorts and their equipment for our convoys, and so enable us to meet the German

speeding-up with a corresponding effort on our side. *Bis dat qui cito dat* is the motto for the hour.

Two things may be decided soon. First, whether the war is to be greatly prolonged and an even wider spread given to its destructiveness; and, second, whether we can spare enough from our own necessities to give the Greeks the aid we greatly desire to give them and which, given in time, may procure a decision in the war with Italy. There is a general consensus on both these matters in the United States.

### The Door Open

For the last three months the leaders of both the American parties have been telling their supporters that the British command of the Atlantic is almost as vital, if not quite as vital, an American interest as British, and both these parties have made the increase and speeding-up of aid to Britain a principal plank in their platforms. Nowhere than in the United States has there been a warmer or more generous sympathy with the Greeks in their heroic battle. We are not, therefore, forcing an entry into American politics but walking through an open door, if we seek at this moment to give precision and practical direction to these agreed conclusions.

In the last three months the British and American peoples have come as near as possible to realising President Wilson's ideal of "open diplomacy." A great and stimulating debate has gone forward on the platform and in the Press of both countries, and President Roosevelt has come to rank with our own Prime Minister as one of the great educators and leaders of world opinion. But we have both had to realise that there is a gap between the acceptance of general principles by leaders and the realisation by the mass of the people of the action which is needed to give effect to them. Frank speaking on that subject is a necessary part of the democratic method.

British and American relations are on a footing on which we hardly think of them as diplomacy. The Americans are not watching and weighing and trying distractedly to make up their minds whether we or the Germans are going to win—which is the groundwork of diplomacy in Europe to-day. They have wholeheartedly given their vote to Britain and pledged themselves to send her all possible aid short of war. In dealing with America we are saved from the obscurities and complexities which make it so difficult to understand the European situation at any given moment.



# EYE-WITNESS STORY OF RAID ON TRIPOLI

DETAILS OF THE Fleet Air Arm attack on the harbour of Tripoli are given in an eye-witness account by the Exchange Telegraph Company's special correspondent with the Mediterranean Fleet. He describes how, for the second time in a fortnight, the Fleet Air Arm struck heavily at a distant Italian base.

The attack was carried out in the early hours during a periodic routine sweep of the Eastern and Central Mediterranean. Quays, warehouses, and shipping were heavily "plastered," he states, and many fires caused. He writes:

By the dim light of the moon in its last quarter we watched toy balloons, with lights attached floating up from an aircraft-carrier to test the wind. Then the heavily laden bombers took off and vanished into the gloom. A period of watchful tension followed, since such moonlight as there was rendered us liable to a bombing or air-torpedo attack. Time passed slowly as all eyes trained towards the direction of the coast. Suddenly the skyline was lit by bursting anti-aircraft shells and by flares dropped by our planes. Then a big burst of flame shot up. It seemed as though a petrol dump had been set alight.

## All Back

Muffled up and sipping cocoa, we watched from the bridge in the gathering light and counted the aircraft as they circled preparatory to landing. Slowly the number mounted until the last came in, and the cry went up "All back safely." In a short time we were away on a different course.

Later we were told that the quay had been well plastered with medium and heavy bombs and at least one warehouse destroyed. In addition one ship was hit by three bombs. Fires were seen still burning when we were sixty miles away.

While Admiral Sir James Somerville's forces have been purging the Western Mediterranean, chasing and endeavouring to give battle to the Italian fleet, our Eastern forces have likewise been seeking an engagement, sweeping the whole of the Eastern and Central Mediterranean. Now, as we are about to enter harbour, it can be said that throughout the seven days we have just spent at sea we met with no opposition at all apart from a few seconds of bombing in Greek waters. During that time we escorted convoys in all directions in addition to enabling the Fleet Air Arm to carry out the bombing attack on Tripoli. All the time we were zigzagging and doubling on our tracks in order not to outrun the slow-moving convoys.

This is the second such period this month during which I personally have seen proof of how futile is the Italian boast of "mare nostrum." Inexorably Britain is showing herself the master of Italy in all three spheres in this Mediterranean struggle. Under water more than a score of her submarines have been sunk, in the air her shadowing planes have been knocked down and her fighter formations broken up and driven off, while on the sea her battle fleet is suffering further casualties and refuses to give battle. And all the time our own steady flow of men and material continues through this highway which Italy chooses to call her own.

## An Alarm

On this trip we slipped out of harbour one morning while the city was still asleep, and later, with land far out of sight, I stood on the bridge of one of the famous victors of actions in the Mediterranean. Looking down, I could see our paravanes cutting through the water on either side like white-bellied sharks.

Suddenly, approaching aircraft were reported and the ships immediately broke into loose formation. All eyes focussed on one portion of the sky. But no attack materialised and we resumed normal formation. The remainder of the morning passed without incident apart from a distant glimpse of two aircraft.

Dusk brought further excitement when one of our warships claimed to have sighted a sub-

marine on the surface and suddenly opened fire on it. From our position the shells, showing up against the darkening clouds like tracer bullets, could be clearly seen, while fountains of water thrown up as they exploded were silhouetted against the orange sunset. So night fell and, blacked out and battened down ready for any action, we continued through the darkness.

The following morning we were in Greek waters, and I had my first glimpse of Suda Bay, with its white-washed houses nestling at the foot of slopes covered with olive trees and mist shrouding the mountains in the background. British Army lorries could be seen winding their way across the hills, while a gigantic Red Cross painted on its roof rendered a large hospital unmistakable.

The peace of this tranquil scene was suddenly shattered as we were about to depart by the explosion of four bombs dropped near us from a tremendous height. All fell into the sea without causing damage, and the raider quickly made off in the clouds. Throughout the afternoon and evening we proceeded on the alert for further bombings, but none came.

The third morning brought a further flutter of excitement with the sighting of apparently hostile aircraft, but we continued without incident until we noticed a destroyer ahead firing on a floating, khaki-coloured mine. We passed close enough to see its evil-looking horns as it tossed about in the waves with bullets from the circling destroyer kicking up the water all around. A few minutes later another mine on the port side was similarly dealt with by destroyers.

That afternoon our anti-aircraft guns were in action for the first time when a Cant "shadower" aircraft was sighted and driven off. Around tea-time came the news that the aircraft-carrier would carry out a bombing attack on the naval base of Tripoli early the following morning and that certain forces, including ourselves, would "cover" the action. With nightfall we put on speed in the direction of Tripoli. Zero hour seemed to approach slowly as we took up positions for the planes to take off for the bombardment.

## "No Fun"

With this operation successfully accomplished, the fourth day found us rejoining our other units. Throughout the day we awaited Italian revenge for the bombing of Tripoli as we cruised up and down the Central Mediterranean carrying out certain operations before we could turn for home. But we were not menaced by anything more alarming than heavy black clouds which quickly turned the blue Mediterranean into a bleak North Sea with a deluge of rain.

Well into the fifth day, when more than twenty-four hours had passed entirely without incident, the captain remarked, "We would even welcome a Cant to shoot at in order to break the monotony," while a few minutes previously a disconsolate bearded sailor remarked to me "You must be a Jonah, sir. We haven't had any fun since you have been aboard."

Then came the news that the enemy fleet was out. Faces brightened as we waited to hear the locality, but news was scarce owing to the necessity of keeping the wireless silent. We heard that Admiral Sir James Somerville's forces had made contact at long range, but that the enemy had

## CAMOUFLAGED CEMETERY BEAT THE CENSOR

"Oh, for a good soft bed in Pine Crest," writes an Ottawa soldier held prisoner by the Nazis after—as probably ordered—praising treatment and food.

What the prison camp censor would not know is that Pine Crest is one of the best known cemeteries in the Canadian capital.

## HOUNDS AND GUIDES HUNT NAZI

Police with blood-hounds, mountain guides and shepherds are hunting over an area of 300 square miles for a young German airman who gained a name at the prison camp from which he escaped for his impeccable manners and his well-groomed appearance.

Now, after four days of freedom, it is expected that the spruce young officer is like a wild man of the woods, for the police believe he is hiding in the woods and living on berries and anything else he can find among the trees.

Franz von Werra, who is twenty-six, was a frequent visitor to the north-west in the days before the war, and it is in this area that the police are concentrating their search.

They believe that Von Werra's knowledge of the district may have taken him into little-frequented places where only blood-hounds or experienced mountain guides will be able to find him.

altered course and was making for home. We cursed our luck that it had not happened the previous day, for we were now too far from the scene of action to join in the chase. There was nothing for it but to carry on with our job, while an escorting destroyer viciously proceeded to pour round after round into another floating mine. We had to rest content with what news of the action we learned from the London wireless bulletin.

After sighting the island of Crete on the sixth morning at sea we passed without incident through a notorious stretch of water known as "Bomb Alley," which until recently was an unfailing source of attention by Italian bombers from the Dodecanese.

We have two cinema projectors aboard, and as we sailed down "Bomb Alley" the men were entertained in the "Plaza Cinema" on the covered deck with Walt Disney's "Ferdinand the Bull," "Pinocchio," and other films, while the ship's tabby cat, Horace, slept peacefully in his own miniature hammock slung between table legs.

The seventh day also passed entirely uneventfully, and in two or three hours we shall again be in harbour, having covered some two thousand miles without so much as being splashed by an Italian bomb.



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# ACES TOAST THE CRYPT MAN WHO MADE THEM ACES GO ON SONGS

(By A Special Correspondent)

"THE TOAST IS—'The station!'" We are standing in No. 1 ante-room of the officers' mess at the first R.A.F. station to notch 600 'planes against the enemy—one-fifth of the total shot down round Britain since the war started.

The three squadron commanders, each wearing the ribbon of the D.F.C., raise their glasses, and some one says:—"Coupled with the name of the Station Commander. He's leaving us this afternoon."

"Here's to you, sir." The fifth in our group, tall, aquiline-featured, and wearing ribbons of the last war shuffles with his long, spindly legs, and points his glass at the three younger men before him.

## "A Great Bunch"

"Well, I squadron I ever knew," he jerks out. "Couldn't get them into the air. Lazy lot of devils."

And in the same breath he says quietly to me: "Never had a greater bunch of fellows. How these chaps chase Jerry!"

I watch this lean, broad-shouldered group captain take leave of the rest of his men like the father of a boy who scores a century on Founder's Day, pride adding to his embarrassment.

He covers it by rating them brusquely, good-naturedly. Yet every man in the room reads in his sharp, tired eyes—tired by watching the skies for his boys to come back—a look of unwillingness to go.

An hour later I was to see his final take-off. Six tough-limbed fighter pilots had him shoulder high and marched through the mess. Two were in danger of losing the hair from their scalps.

So went the man who dug a great barbed thorn into Hitler's side, who helped the crack fighter squadrons to bring down 600 'planes and make history in World No. 2.

For a job like that, had he been a naval man, his name would rank with the Harwoods and the Raleighs; or, in the army, with the Moores and the Allenbys.

But the group captain leaves his beloved station as he came. To the public he will be known as the anonymous R.A.F. officer who commanded the "600 Station."

I stroll across to the squadron which got the 600th enemy 'plane. It is quartered in a mud-surrounded wooden hut, and the pilots are wearing their flying kit ready for the "scramble."

## The Rusty Stove

There are two lines of blanket-covered beds, and a rusty chimney stove stands in the middle of the room like a hum by sentry.

Two of the boys—an Englishman and a six-foot Pole—are playing cards. The game is cravat, which looks like a double game of patience.

Two New Zealanders are lying on beds. Their half-closed eyes squint at me, and close again.

An Englishman is reading a book. It is a thriller, and bears the label of a twopenny library.

On the squadron commander's bed is a black Nazi machine-gun, and beside it is Pete, a spotted mongrel dog with more intelligence, say the fighter pilots, than 50,000 Germans.

Resting on their beds are Pilot Officer Harbourne Mackay Stephen (his score is nineteen plus, plus being an enemy 'plane he helped to destroy), and Flight Lieutenant John Henry Park (eleven plus)—the men who shared the station kiddy by getting that 600th 'plane. Stephen is twenty-six and clean-shaven. He is as spruce as when he caught the 9.30 train to his City office in the days of peace.

## Together At Dunkirk

Twenty-two-year-old "Mungo" Park is taller, and slim.

These men are inseparable. They have fought together since the days of Dunkirk.

Stephen says: "We both lead flights now, but in a scrap I can

always find 'Mungo,' and we usually get together."

Stephen and "Mungo" Park believe in scrapping in twos—one comes in if a Hun gets on the tail of the other.

They are quiet-speaking, matter-of-fact young men, and when I mention "ace" they say there are no heroes in these parts.

Then I meet the boss of the squadron, a thirty-year-old South African squadron leader, described to me as "a cold, calculating killer."

This man has shot down nineteen 'planes (plus as well), and his squadron has got 120. He has the same look as "Mungo" Park and Stephen—eyes that are cold and clear and far-seeing.

They seem to assess and weigh up everything they hit on.

He sits on the bed and offers me the last cup of coffee. The cup is thick and cheap and the coffee is poured from a battered enamel jug. But it is good coffee.

He is good-looking in a tough way, and his thick woollen polo jumper adds to the thickness of his chest.

He says: "It's a devil about these night bombers. Seems the only way Jerry can get at us now."

"There's an answer to everything in warfare. There will be an answer to this. But it's tough for the people. Wish we could do something about it."

I find it strange that a man who is waiting from dawn to dusk to go up and kill or be killed should think of other problems.

But he and his boys have grown to look upon their job of streaking across the sky in Spitfires almost as an ordinary man thinks of digging his garden.

I ask him how it feels at the moment he is about to make his kill. He says: "We don't have much time to think. A scarp last, at the outside, two minutes."

"When you are up there you are in another world."

"You see England and bits of France stretching down below. You hear a roar and you know some one's gone down, or there are fireworks about."

"Knocking down the Hun is a foxy business. You've got to use your cloud and your sun, and make it a real job of work. You've got to let 'em go sometimes, and get 'em the next day."

## Huns Run Home

"The Hun won't always face a fight. He swoops down from a height, gives you a burst, and puts his nose down hard for home."

"He goes for the stragglers. He won't join in a dog-fight."

"We reckon that for each sortie we make each man should bring down four 'planes. That's our target. We don't do it, of course, but it's no use going for only one man and then coming home."

"Nor is it any use firing all your ammunition at one Jerry."

"In the last five weeks we have pushed them back about thirty miles. They used to come all over Kent. Now they stop, and are stopped, over the coast."

"Their tactics now seem daft to us. Their Me 109's scamper over with a few light bombs and drop 'em anywhere—most times in the fields."

"Their fighters make their way across flying as high as they can, like lost sheep. We would leave them alone for all the damage they do. But if we did the artful devils might try to come down to machine-gun the ground."

## Jerry Has Tail Down

He says his boys are not nearly so hard-pushed now.

"Jerry had his tail up once,"

## As St. Martin's Is Hit By Bomb

Six hundred people were singing "Annie Laurie" in the crypt of St. Martin—in the Fields when a bomb fell and damaged what is London's most famous church in a recent raid.

The whole place shook. Clouds of dust filled the crypt, but there was no panic.

After barely three seconds' pause the pianist continued playing, and the song went on with perhaps a shade more volume.

A prayer of thankfulness for their escape was said, and soon afterwards everyone was asleep.

The bomb tore a hole in the church pavement, crashing through the railings on the south side. It blew in or damaged all the windows on that side, pitted the church wall, and wrecked an office next to the crypt. No one was hurt, but a woman at a bus stop outside was killed.

## Door Pushed In

The stained-glass figure of Christ in the great window above the altar was decapitated, and daylight now shows through the raiment of the praying Apostles. But there was little other damage.

Below ground the door of the crypt verger's room was pushed off its hinges by falling brick from the wrecked office.

But the records of 10,000 needy men and women who had been given assistance were left intact.

## Strong Pillars

The Rev. G. L. Davey, curate-in-charge, said to a reporter: "The building has stood the shock amazingly well. We shall get the experts to see whether the structure has been damaged at all."

"On the face of it, it seems that it has not. Those massive pillars in the vaults will stand a very great deal. A modern building struck in the same way would probably have tumbled down."

St. Martin's is 200 years old. It was revealed that the Royal College of Surgeons in Lincoln's Inn and the Swedish Church at Rotherhithe have also been damaged in recent raids.

Among other buildings bombed are Coventry Cathedral and St. Mary's Hall, Coventry.

Incendiary bombs fell on Birmingham Cathedral in a recent raid and the roof was almost stripped by fire. The fire service saved the interior and the main structure. The famous Burnes-Jones windows had been removed to safe storage.

## A.R.P. MEN ON LOOTING CHARGE

Three A.R.P. workers were at Old Street remanded on bail for a week on a charge of being concerned in stealing a box containing 100 tins of sardines from premises damaged by war operations.

They were described as James Lockhart (53), of Whiston Road, Shoreditch; William Maurice Amner (40), of Boston Street, Hackney Road; and Albert Victor James Steward (32), of Lowther House, Lee Street, E.

He says: "Now he's got it well down. We don't think he has a chance of putting it up again."

We talk about his boys. He says fighting is all team work. It's a good idea, he says, that we don't have ballyhooed aces now. All we want is to ground the Jerry, and that can't be done by undividualists.

As we talk the radio gives the background. The programme is for schools. It is a singing lesson. Children chant scales again and again and again.

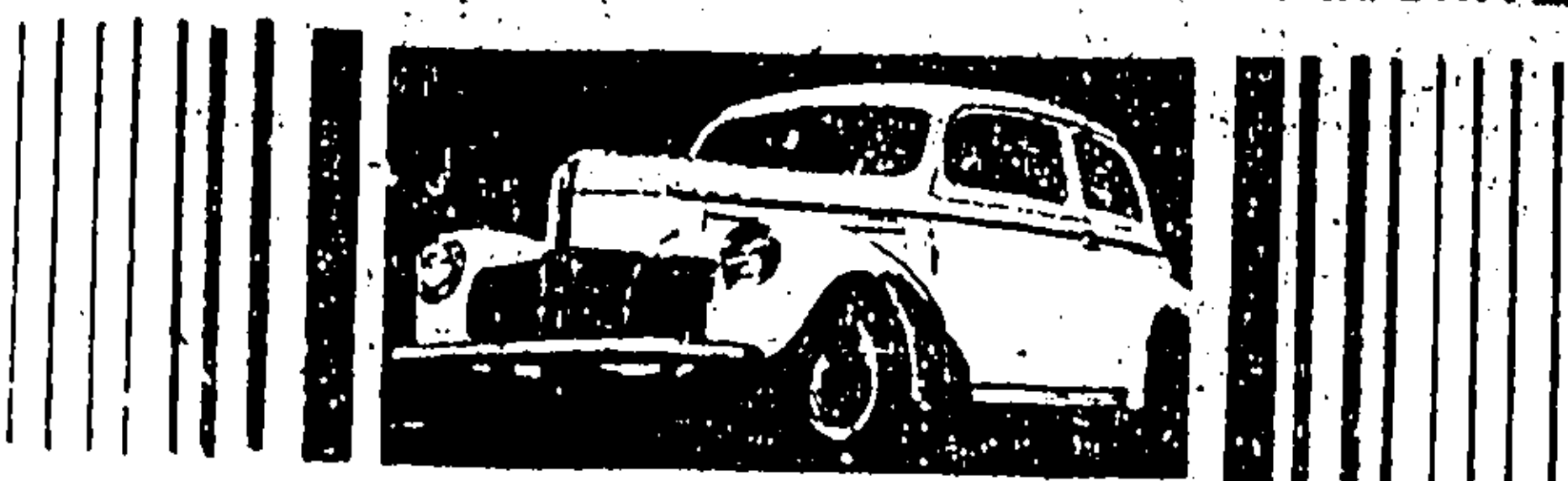
Now one troubles to switch it off. The boys go on playing cards, or reading, or snoozing or waiting for the call.

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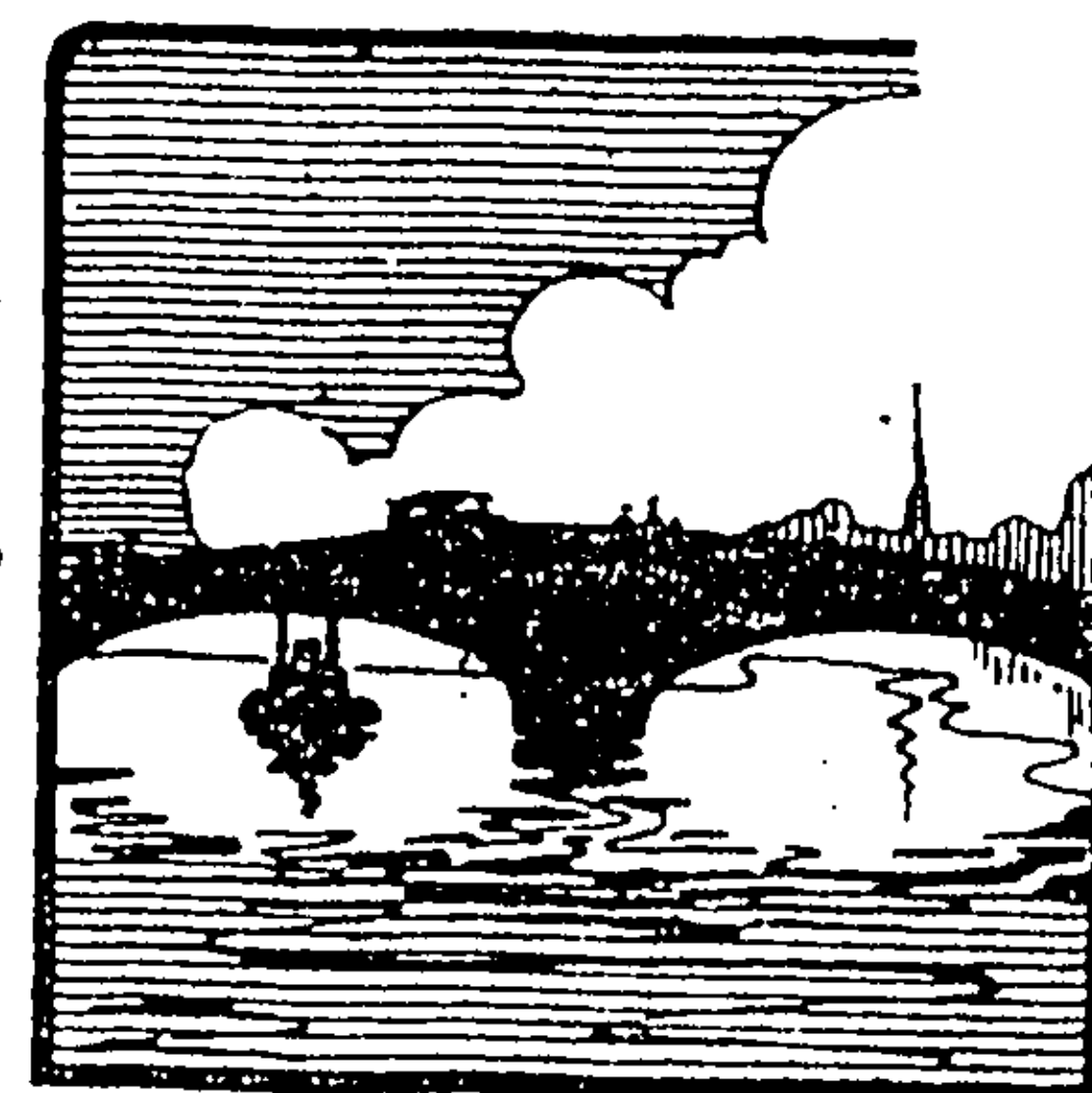
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NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held in the Jacobean Room of the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 15th March, 1941, at NOON for the following purposes, namely, to consider the annual statement of accounts and the balance sheet and the reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon, to elect directors and auditors in the place of those retiring, to declare a dividend, to appropriate the balance of Profit and Loss Account as recommended by the Directors, and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE is also given that the Share Transfer Registers will be closed from 1st March, 1941, to 15th March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,  
R. A. WICKERSON,  
Secretary & Manager  
Hong Kong, 14th Feb., 1941.

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Wednesday,—19th February.  
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Saturday,—22nd February.  
FIFTH DAY—  
Saturday,—1st March.

The programme fixed for 15th February will be run off on MONDAY, 17th February, and the subsequent days' programmes in consecutive order.

On Monday, 17th, Tuesday, 18th, Wednesday, 19th, and Saturday, 22nd February, the first bell will be rung at 11.00 a.m., and the first race will be run at 1.30 a.m. On Saturday, 1st March, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The fifteen interval will be after the fifth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

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By Order,

C. B. BROWN,  
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Hong Kong, 9th, February, 1941.

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 19th February, 1941, to Friday, the 28th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS,  
Secretary & Manager,  
Hong Kong, 12th Feb., 1941.

## BRIDGE NOTES

### THE RIGHT TRUMP

#### SUIT

#### By The Four Aces

When the partnership hands contain two eight-card suits, they should usually prefer a 4-4 suit to a 5-3 suit. To-day's hand illustrates the point:

South, Dealer  
Neither side vulnerable

|           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| ♠ 8 6 5 3 | ♠ J 4     |
| ♥ K J 6   | ♥ 9 5 2   |
| ♦ K 5 2   | ♦ 9 8 6 3 |
| ♣ Q 6 5   | ♣ J 8 3 2 |

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♣ Pass 2♣ Pass  
2♠ Pass 3♠ Pass  
6♣ Pass Pass Pass

South has to bid the hand with a little spirit since his cards were almost good enough for an opening two-bid. But note that if he bids the Slam in spades, the 4-4 suit, he makes it without much trouble; but if he bids the Slam in hearts, the 5-3 suit, he is doomed to defeat.

Against six spades, West's most probable lead is the Queen of diamonds. South wins and lays down the Ace and King of trumps. Then he begins the hearts. West may ruff with the Queen of spades whenever he likes, but he cannot prevent South from discarding two clubs from dummy on the long hearts. Later on, South can ruff the ten of clubs with one of dummy's low spades.

Not so at six hearts. South can win the opening diamond lead and run his hearts if he likes; but discarding clubs from the dummy does him no good in this case, for dummy will not be able to ruff a club. Against correct defence South must lose a spade and a club, thus failing to make the Small Slam.

South foresaw some such possibility and therefore mentioned the spades after North's first response assured him of heart support. North's spade raise showed four-card spade support, and South properly chose spades as the trump suit for his Small Slam.

\* \* \*

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

|         |     |
|---------|-----|
| ♠ Q J 7 | ♠ 4 |
| ♥ A 4   | ♥ 3 |

The bidding:

|      |        |       |          |
|------|--------|-------|----------|
| You  | Jacoby | Maier | Schenken |
| Pass | Pass   | 1♥    | Pass     |
| (?)  |        |       |          |

ANSWER: Bid two spades. You have a fine fit for hearts and can guarantee a game. If your partner has a sound opening bid, this jump shows strength of your hand despite your original pass.

Score 100% for two spades; 60% for four hearts; 50% for three hearts.

### Question No. 642

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and you hold the above hand, but the bidding goes:

|      |       |        |          |
|------|-------|--------|----------|
| You  | Maier | Jacoby | Schenken |
| Pass | Pass  | 1♥     | 2♣       |
| (?)  |       |        |          |

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.)

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There are over fifty parts in a binocular body, not counting the complicated lenses, of which there are fourteen sections in a pair of prismatic binoculars. This part of the work is done by girls, but many of the processes demand skilled craftsmanship. The Navy, the Army and the Air Force urgently need binoculars. They take a long time to make and the craftsmen's skill is needed in other directions. Owners have been asked, therefore, to sell any private pair they may have to the Government. (Copyright, Fox).

## INVISIBLE MEN MURDER NAZI GUARDS

(Continued from Page 6.)

groups, looking bored and weary. You will hear from the French and from some of the Germans—plenty of stores of extreme brutality exercised by German officers to their men by way of disciplining them.

There are reports of batches of German troops being forced to stand in the roadway and do physical jerks until they are on the verge of collapse, and even of officers who fire at their men in fits of temper.

Suicides are frequent among both officers and men of the German Army in this part of France.

A German colonel staying at the Hotel Miramar in Biarritz, on the sea front, shot himself a few days ago immediately after returning from leave in Germany.

French gendarmes on duty in the road outside rushed into the hotel and found him dying on a balcony which overlooks the Atlantic. He gasped out that he had shot himself because, when he returned to Germany he found that his wife was killed when an R.A.F. bomb struck his house. One of his children was also killed and another injured.

The facts of this case were given to me first hand by a German.

All the leading hotels and the two casinos in Biarritz have been requisitioned by the Germans as military headquarters, or as offices for controlling the movement of French citizens and aliens. Ordinary German troops are billeted on private residents in the town and its suburbs.

These men come in waves. None stays much more than a fortnight. The first lot were show troops, mostly six-footers, well-trained and polite. The second and third lot were not so good. The present wave are very poor specimens. They look undernourished, miserable, and are mostly very small.

They seem to arrive hungry and spend their free time mooching about the streets carrying bags of fruit, mostly apples, which they eat and eat. They pile into the pastry shops, which are still allowed to open on three days a week.

You can still get those delicious Biarritz cakes, and occasionally cups of Biarritz chocolate—most of which go down German throats.

When the novelty of having a comparatively big supply of food wears off the men get a strange reaction—a sort of depressed, far-from-home attitude.

The greatest sources of news these days in France—the newspapers tell you nothing—are people who have German troops billeted in their houses.

### "Fed Up"

Most Germans, when they have had half a carafe of Bordeaux wine—there is still a plentiful supply of it, though much has been sent to Germany—get talkative. They say quite candidly that they are fed up with the war. A

lot of them fought in Spain, took part in the entry into Czechoslovakia, and fought in Poland, Holland, Belgium, and France.

Surprisingly large numbers have had no long leave and have not seen their families for years.

Those who have been on leave tell sombre stories about Germany. "I spent my leave in Berlin," one German private told a French family where he was staying. "I could not sleep because of bombs. Yet I met people who had come into Berlin from different parts of Germany, where, they said, things were much worse. They came to Berlin to get sleep."

Stories like this flash around among the French people in no time. It is amazing how well informed everyone is, despite the iron censorship and the way the Germans try to blur out the London radio.

If anything, the people in Biarritz are better informed than the Parisians. They seem to listen in much more, and restrictions about listening are not so firmly enforced.

Everyone in Biarritz heard Churchill's speech in French clearly, and agreed with every word of it. It did a lot of good. Our people here know all about the Royal Air Force. If your airman hit a French factory or a French oil depot the French people rub their hands with glee and say, "That's another coup against the Boches!"

### One Hope

It is no exaggeration to say that "Le Raf," as the French call the R.A.F., is the one brightly burning light of hope in the Frenchman's mind.

Much has been made by people who don't understand the French temperament of the effect of British action against the French Fleet at Oran.

I can say quite definitely, having put myself out to study the reactions of the ordinary French people, that it did the English cause among our people, especially in occupied France, scarcely any harm at all.

One individual in Biarritz took down the English version of that story from the radio and passed it on to others. This sort of home-to-home news service functions all the time.

This devotion to Britain, and faith in an ultimate British victory are especially noticeable among the French middle and lower classes.

Here is another significant point. For the first two months of their occupation of France, all the Germans roared about in cars or on motor-cycles. That has been stopped to a great extent now. An order has been given to buy up or requisition as many bicycles as possible for the army in France, Belgium, and Holland to save petrol.

The underground news service, based on statements made by Germans coming back from Germany on leave, say this is because of damage British bombs are doing to oil refineries there.



## Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN

# Bring Roses To The Cheeks

Too many young girls, especially rely on a rouge pot to get colour in their cheeks. Lovely natural colour should be in the cheeks from an abundance of good health which supplies the body with rich, red blood.

Iron, from food, is a very essential mineral and it might be a good idea if you checked over your daily eating habits to determine if you consume sufficient iron to help supply you with energy and keep your blood adequately stocked with hemoglobin.

To quote a nutritionist hemoglobin is simply described thusly: "Woven into the cells of the body is the red part of the blood, the hemoglobin, which gives your cheeks their colour and your body energy and life itself. It is the hemoglobin which picks up the oxygen from the air you breathe and disposes of the waste carbon dioxide. When there is an insufficient amount of iron in the blood, the hemoglobin becomes pale and inactive, and the blood itself is said to be "anemic." Gone are the roses from the cheeks, the energy and zest for living, the person becomes pale, sickly, listless, a prey to afection.

### Memorise Your Iron Foods

If you want to be a beauty, and of course you do, you should learn which foods are high in iron. Each day eat of one or two iron foods.

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| Watercress—one of the best | Dried figs  |
| Dandelion greens           | Prunes      |
| Raisins                    | Peas        |
| Spinach                    | Lentils     |
| Calf's liver               | Berries     |
| Red and white              | Ripe Olives |
|                            | Beets       |



Good health creates a beauty which is irresistible. This young girl's vitality makes it possible for her to be a successful model. Who could resist that ravishing smile and those bright eyes?

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| cabbage | Lettuce 1/2 |
| Carrots | head a day  |
| Onions  |             |

Also bear in mind when buying or ordering vegetables that the dark green vegetables are the most

excellent source of vegetable iron—such as spinach, parsley, watercress, beet greens. In fact the fresh juices of spinach, parsley and watercress make the most beneficial skin tonics for pale people.

## WATCH That BLACK-OUT

By MARY ROSE



BLACK-OUTS have to be one hundred per cent. efficient.

There are various methods of making the windows light-proof. The general method seems to be curtains, but these must be absolutely perfect. The material used should be guaranteed.

There is a certain kind of suede velvet which needs no lining, but as a rule, a fairly thick material is lined with a recognised A.R.P. lining like thick bolton sheeting.

For bathroom and kitchen a rubberised fabric will give good service. This needs no lining, and

some of it is made with a light facing.

When doors open straight out some kind of screen must be fitted to prevent the rays from shining on the ground. A screen, a wooden partition or a thick portiere are practicable.

Curtains should be full. They must hang well over the frame. If there are metal fittings, a wooden board or cardboard covered with black paper should be fitted at the top of the metal rail, so the shafts of light do not show at the top.

See that curtains which meet at the middle are fitted on double rails or, failing that, they should have a good overlap which can be press-studded together. If curtains are tacked to the wooden frames at the sides there is no fear that careless pulling will leave a chink. Should you have single pull-right-across-the-window black-out curtains, best plan is to have them firmly tacked to the wooden frame at one side, and at nighttime tack the other side temporarily with drawing pins. It's a good plan to keep plenty of drawing pins handy.

Another way is to paste a thick strip of black paper at the sides and at the top of windows. This does well when windows are large, but rather takes away from available light during the daytime in the case of small windows.

### Let Sunshine Help

The sun is so vital to your good health that it might be said little good is drawn from the food you eat unless the valuable rays of the sun is allowed to penetrate your skin and help the millions of little important cells do their gigantic job of keeping you healthy. You should get into the sunshine every day winter and summer when the sun shines. You can live without so much sunshine it is true, but you will be a more ravishing beauty and a more healthy woman if you will let the sun help you!



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By ED REED



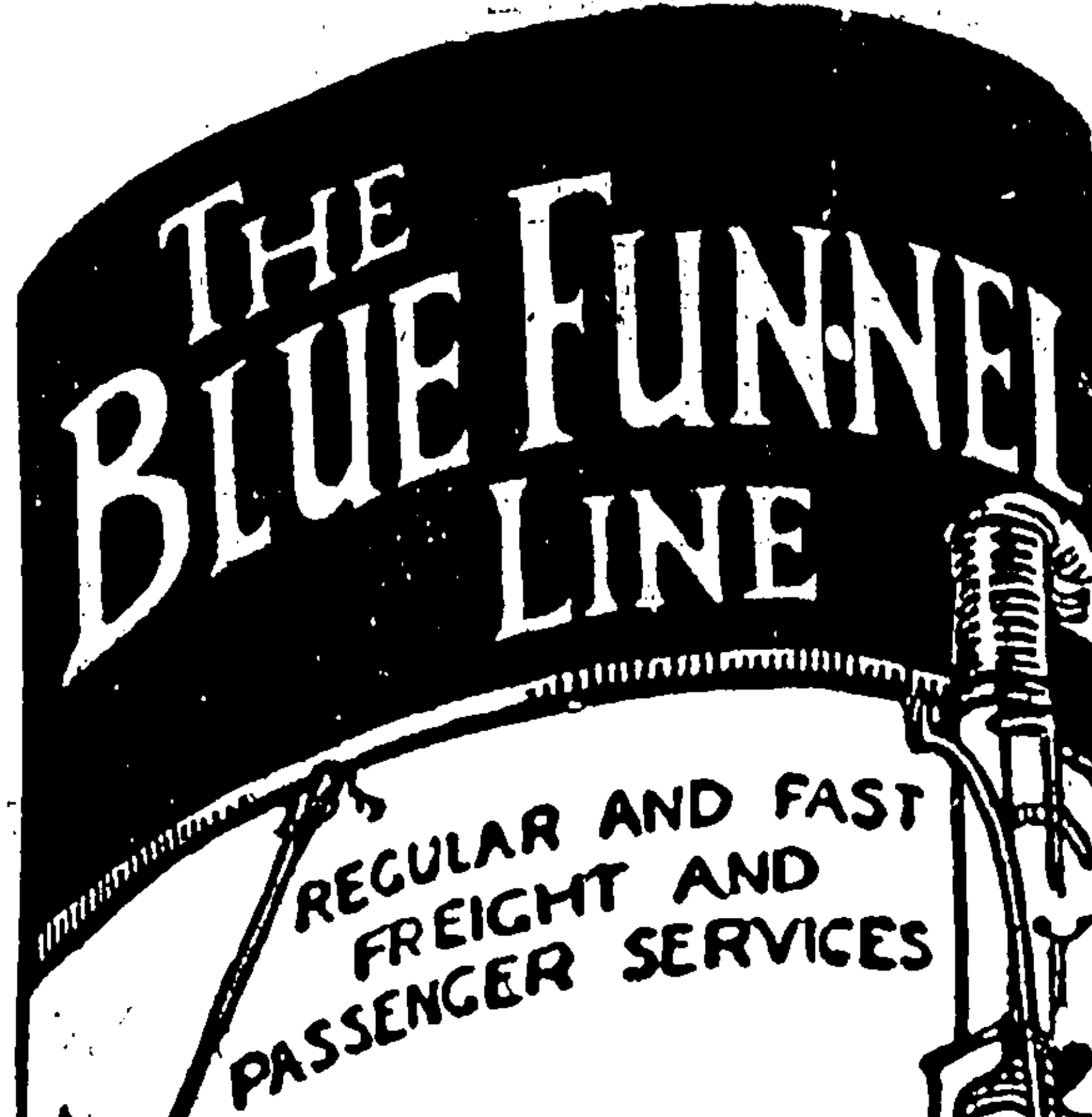
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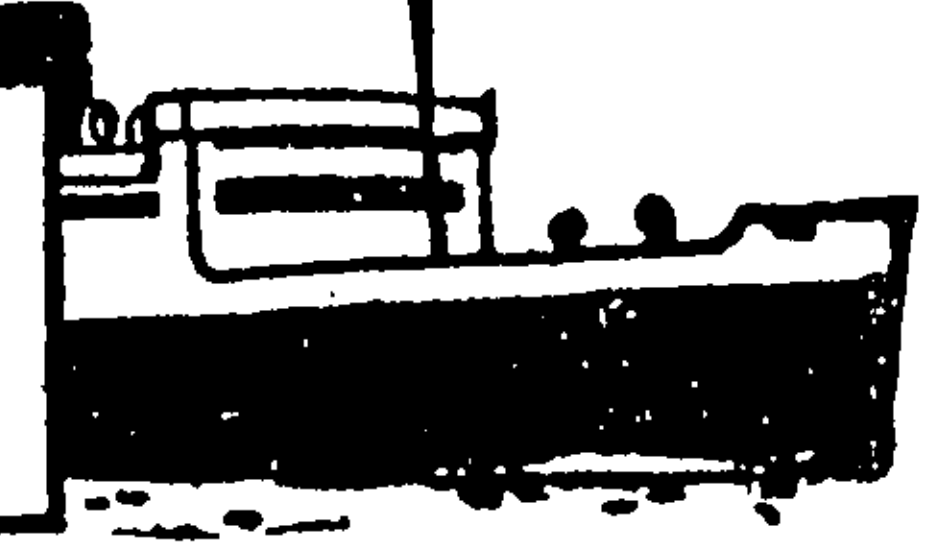
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# THEY CALL HIM THE SAINT...

(By A LONDON CORRESPONDENT)

## DOWN IN THE EAST END they call him the Saint. Men raise their hats to this tall and thin figure striding through the streets like a friendly hurricane, his monk's gown blown out behind him, and an old and tattered raincoat on his shoulders.

From Whitehall went high officials, headed by bulky Robert Boothby, Under-Secretary of State to the Ministry of Food, to pay tribute to this man whose work in the civilian front line has inspired the people of the East End.

Here is the story of the Saint, otherwise Father John Groser, as I heard it from the people among whom he works.

Their faith in him is touching. They told me with tears in their eyes that hardly has the sound of a falling bomb passed into the sky than Father Groser is on his way to the scene.

If there are trapped men and women to be rescued, his scrawny frame is to be seen among the debris, his strong arms tearing at stones and wood, while his voice cheers trapped and rescuers alike.

## They Wait For Him

Said one man: "It never seems to matter where the bomb falls, our Saint gets there with the first of the rescuers."

"You feel he is waiting round the corner for it to fall."

But Father Groser is a practical Saint, and the poor who spend their nights in the air raid shelters wait impatiently for his coming.

In the early days of the bombing he was shocked by the fact that so many of the poor went to the shelters hungry and left even more hungry.

His church had little money, and he had less. He bullied, he implored, he cajoled, striking at officials and private bodies alike until mobile canteens to suit his needs were secured.

Now every evening with a band of willing helpers he takes his canteens from shelter to shelter, giving food and drink.

## Feeds Them All

Tea is a penny a cup, sandwiches a penny each, if you have the money. If you haven't—well, Father Groser says: "Help yourself. I'll get the money somehow."

He feeds them all—Christians, Jews, Chinese, Moslems—without thought of creed or race.

He is there when they go to the shelter and there when they come out to give them his blessing for their souls and his food for their bodies.

He found an empty church hall, and in the night the homeless who have left the ruins of stone and mortar trek there. He feeds them, clothes them, shelters them until the local authorities can take charge.

Next to his church stood one built by people of a different creed. A bomb wrecked it. To its minister went Father Groser, saying: "Take my church. We'll make one do for both."

That is the story of Father Groser. Do you wonder that they call him the Saint?

## HE WENT TO WAR AT 13

Thirteen-year-old Anastasius Charlabopoulos, decorated front-line soldier of Greece, is in Athens on leave.

When Charlabopoulos, senior, was called to the front recently, young Anastasius decided the family would be insufficiently represented in the battle against the Italians.

So he hid himself in blankets going to the front line in a lorry. He was detected at Koritza.

The authorities managed eventually to persuade Anastasius to return to his family.

But they awarded him an honorary corporal's stripe and gave him the privilege of wearing a medal for his exploits.

Anastasius, interviewed with his three brothers at home, said firmly: "I intend to remain here for a holiday and return to the fighting line early next month."

## CHILDREN GUNNED

A Nazi bomber dived from low clouds over a south-east England village and bombed and machine-gunned children as they were leaving school.

It was an indefensible outrage, but only one man, a cyclist, was slightly wounded.

The attack was made on the play-ground as the children were dispersing and on a country lane along which some scholars and their mothers were dotted.

Bullets spattered along the road as the women and children were called back to school by teachers or took shelter under trees and in ditches.

The bombs fell wide and did little damage.

Barbara Carr, an apparently unruffled 14-year-old schoolgirl, said "I was just crossing the play-ground with a friend when we heard the 'plane zoom from the clouds. A moment later we heard the rat-tat-tat of machine-gun fire. Bullets hit the ground very near us."

Eye-witnesses were convinced that the machine-gunning of the children was deliberate.

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## BOMBER VERSUS FIGHTER

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Normally the rear-gunner or the wireless operator can at once let the pilot know exactly what is going on, but now, as the pilot said:

"We were like four dumb men. It was only the smell of cordite from the rear guns, just as we were getting near the Zuider Zee, which made me realise that we were in any danger. There was cloud right below us, but it was six thousand feet away, and I had to make a long dive for it with the Messerschmidt spitting at us almost the whole way. The navigator was in much the same position as I was, he didn't realise we were being attacked until a couple of cannon shells hit the port engine. As it happened they did very little harm."

"Other shells made several holes in the wing, and we had begun to look a bit like a colander when the Messerschmidt stopped using its cannon and began to let fly at us with its machine guns. The bomber was hit several times, and our rear-gunner was unfortunately wounded in the foot. The wireless operator had a very narrow escape when a bullet smashed the air bottle which inflates his Mae West jacket, he himself wasn't hurt at all."

"The two rear gunners got rid of several thousand rounds of ammunition, things were extremely difficult for them and, as they told me afterwards, they saw the Messerschmidt rising and falling right in line with the biplane, during the whole of the fight."

"I don't know whether they hit the Messerschmidt at all. If they didn't it's difficult to see why he broke off the action before we had actually reached the cloud. We saw him pass us on the port side and I should say he was getting away at about 450 miles an hour."



Lt. General Sir Ronald Adam, G.O.C. in C. Northern Command, inspecting home guards in his Command. (Copyright, Fox).

## MOTHER SEEKS A DEAD HERO'S PHOTO GIRL

WHENEVER AIRCRAFTMAN W. J. Davidson flew into battle, he carried with him the photograph of a beautiful girl, clad in a brief playsuit and bronzed with the sun of the West Indian island of Bequia.

A few months ago the young airman died heroically fighting the Italians in East Africa. Now it is the dearest wish of his mother to trace the girl who she believes was her son's sweetheart, but whom she has not seen.

A few days ago her son's belongings were returned to their home in The Quadrant, Birkwell, North Shields, Northumberland.

Among them was the photograph with this message on the back:

"Sunday, 25.2.40. My Bequia garb for two weeks, halter and pants. Taken in the grounds at Tony Gibbons." It is signed simply "Cynth." And that is the only clue.

In her sorrow, Mrs. Davidson has appealed to the newspapers to help her in the search for the one person in the world whom she feels can bring her some solace for the loss of the boy they both loved.

Perhaps Cynth does not know of the young airman's death. If not, her grief will be tempered with pride when she learns how he died.

It was in July when Aircraftman Davidson flew to attack an Italian fort on the Sudanese border. His plane was shot down and crashed a few hundred yards in front of the fort.

Davidson, riddled with bullets, jumped as the plane crashed. When they found him, conscious but mortally wounded, his first thoughts were for his pilot, and what had happened to him. Then he asked: "What sort of a show did we make of the bombing?"

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His real name is Albert and he is in his seventy-first year. His wife always calls him Bert.

It is her pride to keep up her husband's reputation as a "white sweep," and she washes his white "dickies" to perfection.

Daisy remembers the days when sweeps were very black, so black that they never bothered to wash.

"The blackest sweep I ever saw," he says, "was called John Thomas."

"He used to climb inside the chimneys, so it wasn't any use for him to wash."

On Sundays Daisy functions in his back garden as the village barber, specialising in a nice haircut for twopenny or threepence according to the size of the job.

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# 8th Heavy Regt. "A" Will Take A Lot Of Stopping In Sevens

## Two Encounters Postponed Birrell Plays Big Part In Sappers' Win

The inability of Royal Scots to play their First Round Seven-A-Side Rugby Tournament matches yesterday was disappointing, but the five games played provided excellent fare, although the only pointer to later successes was given by 8th Heavy Regiment "A", who are going to take a lot of stopping

MIDDLESEX "A" / TAMAR & SMALL SHIPS "B" 5  
A try by Berry and a dropped goal by Man gave the soldiers a 7-0 interval lead. Thereafter the sailors had more of the game and Rutherford scored a try which Watson converted.

Tamar played Rutherford at forward and Gallacher was slow in getting the ball away from the base of the scrum. McGill was good in defence, while Poole was an energetic forward.

Middlesex were much quicker on the ball and their forwards were too fast for their opposites. Man and Berry both deserved their scores.

COMBINED SMALL UNITS "A" 9 5TH A.A. "B" 0

Two good tries by Pratt gave Small Units a 6-0 lead at half time, and Macdonald added a third try between the posts.

Bedford played a grand game at forward, having one 30-yard run that nearly produced a score. Morgan was an enterprising scrum-half and Macdonald showed his speed on several occasions. Hamblin's touch-kicking relieved his side on numerous occasions.

Easterbrook was safe in his tackling if the opponent was in reach, but he was slow to position himself.

8TH HEAVY "A" 11 JARDINE'S 0

Two tries by Richards, the first of which Marsh converted, saw the Gunners 8-0 in the lead at the interval and Skipwith added the remaining three points with a try that Marsh failed to convert. Near the end Marsh crossed Ewo's line but dropped the ball.

The speed of Marsh and Richards was too much for Jardine's, while Skipwith played an aggressive type of game, knowing the nearest way to the line. Hook was in an orthodox mood behind a scrum which invariably heeled the ball from the set scrums.

Eager played surprisingly well at scrum-half for Jardine's. His service was mediocre but his tackling was always sound. Bosanquet bought a beautiful dummy from Richards early on, and he never settled down thereafter.

CIVIL SERVICE 12 12TH HEAVY "B" 3

Morgan gave Civil Servants a 3-0 lead with an unconverted try but the losers were on equal terms through Giddins, only for Civil Service to lead 6-3 following an unconverted try—there was no time for the kick, right in front of the posts—by Hynes. Morgan then made a 50-yard dash for a spectacular try and Taylor added the final try but failed to convert his effort between the posts.

Morgan was outstanding for the winners and Giddins was the most dangerous of the gunners.

R.E. 13 5TH A.A. "A" 3

Picton scored an unconverted try after Birrell had hit the upright with a penalty kick to give Sappers a 3-0 interval lead. Birrell then scored between the posts and converted his effort, but Giblin reduced the Gunners' arrears with a good try that ought to have been converted. Birrell completed the scoring with a try between the posts which he converted himself.

Birrell, hero of last year's R.E. team, was always dangerous and his kicking was amazingly accurate considering a fairly heavy ball. Picton and Sheldrake were two others to shine in a team which played well together.

Page was prominent for Gunners on many occasions, and Foulchough and Robinson were sound in defence.

Following were the teams:  
Middlesex "A": Jackson, Laet, Weeden and Capt. Man, Pte. Jones, Pte. Berry, Sgt. Davis and Capt. Hewitt (capt.).

Royal Engineers—Sgt. Jones, (T) Cpl. Picton and Cpl. Birrell, Cpl. Eady (capt.), Sgt. Martin (T), Sgt. Davis and 1. Sgt. Sheldrake.

8th Heavy Regt. "B": Gnr. McCann, Gnr. Howarth and Gnr. Hall (L/Bdr), Denton, Gnr. Bullen, 2/Lieut. Deiderfeld (capt.) and Bdr. Giddins.

Combined Small Units "A": Pte. Macdonald, Sgt. Pratt and Sgt. Hamblin, 1/Cpl. Morgan, Pte. Mohan, Cpl. Chandler and Sgt. Bedford.

Civil Service—A. J. G. Taylor (capt.), K. W. Farrow and T. O. Morgan, J. Redman, B. Hynes, F. Burford and E. W. R. Hackett.

5th A.A. Regt. "A": 2/Lieut. Fairclough, Gnr. Giblin and Gnr. Baker, Gnr. Robinson, Gnr. Evans, 1/Cpl. Clarke and Sgt. Page (capt.).

5th A.A. Regt. "B": Gnr. Easterbrook, Gnr. Bevan and Gnr. Sutcliffe, L/Bdr. Clarke, 2/Lieut. Banner, Gnr. Mullen and Gnr. Owen.

Jardine's—D. I. Bosanquet (capt.), N. J. Hooker and D. B. Nelson, J. C. Eager, R. G. Geer, R. G. Whitbourne and G. J. P. Carey.

Tamar and Small Ships "B": P. O. Clough, S/Lt. McGill and S/Lt. Dancer, A. B. Gallacher, S/Lt. Poole, Lieut. Watson and Lieut. Rutherford (capt.).

8th Heavy Regt. "A": L/Bdr. Richards, Sgt. Marsh and Capt. Skipwith, Capt. Hook (capt.), Gnr. Cook, L/Bdr. McDermott and Gnr. Turner.



## FANLING HUNT TO MEET SUNDAY

The second point-to-point of the season will be held at Fanling at 3.00 p.m. on Sunday.

The start will be from near the Kwángtí Racecourse and the first flag will be about three-quarters of a mile up the Shautaukok Road near Hill 27. This flag is to be kept on the left and the course from thence runs to the left of Lichee Farm. The second flag will be at the open expanse at the end of the gallops and this flag must also be kept on the left, after which riders will turn homewards for the finish at Kitten Hill.

For the convenience of competitors who wish to walk or ride the course, flags will be up on Friday and will be left there until after the race.

Entries will be divided into two classes, Australian ponies and China ponies, and there will be first, second and third prizes in each class. The Australian entries will be allowed away first, to be followed by the China ponies, each class to be judged separately.

No colours are required, as competitors will be supplied with arm-bands beforehand. The wearing of hard hats is essential.

Entries, accompanied by a fee of \$3., may be sent to Captain J. G. Whittaker, No. 1 Garden Terrace.—Contributed.

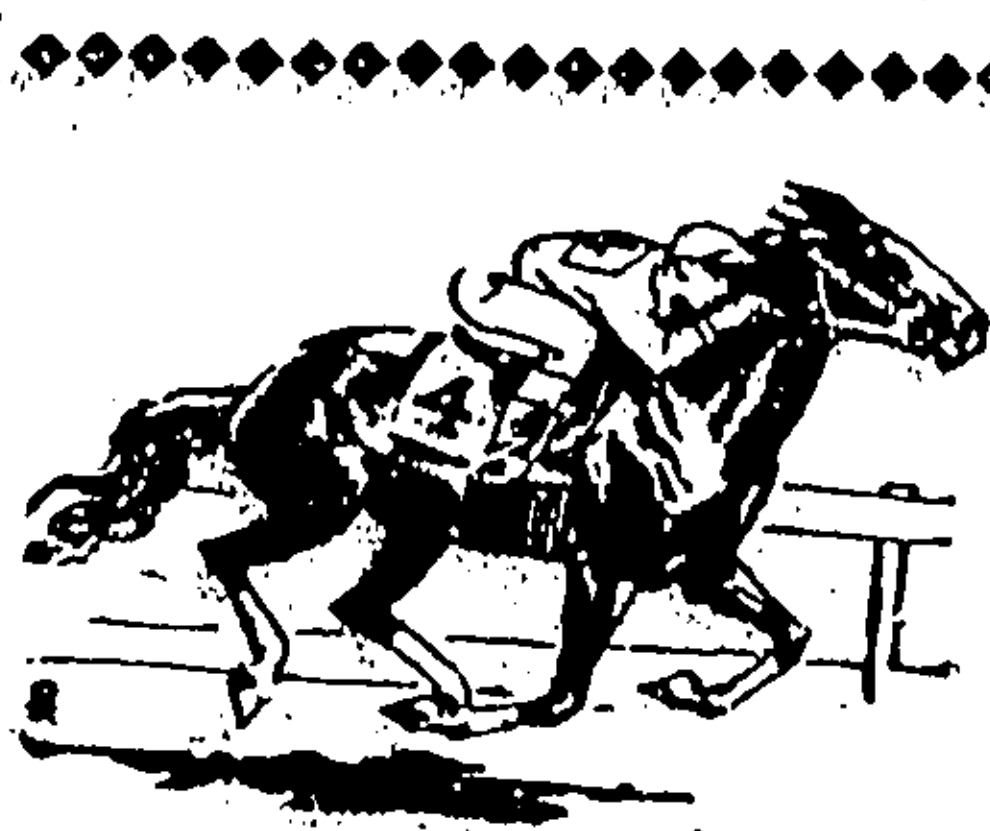
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Following is how the jockeys and owners fared yesterday:

| JOCKEYS          | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Un. |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| V. V. Needa      | 2   | 0   | 0   | 6   |
| H. C. Pih        | 1   | 2   | 0   | 5   |
| P. Y. T. Wei     | 1   | 1   | 2   | 4   |
| W. H. S. Davis   | 1   | 1   | 0   | 5   |
| H. J. Holden     | 1   | 0   | 1   | 0   |
| C. B. Moller     | 1   | 0   | 1   | 2   |
| D. H. S. Craven  | 1   | 0   | 1   | 3   |
| Ip Kuei-ying     | 1   | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| H. J. A. Hearne  | 1   | 0   | 0   | 2   |
| S. C. Liang      | 1   | 0   | 0   | 4   |
| B. L. Tao        | 1   | 0   | 0   | 8   |
| W. G. Foy        | 0   | 2   | 0   | 2   |
| M. M. Sokoloff   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 5   |
| F. Noodt         | 0   | 1   | 1   | 3   |
| L. B. Chao       | 0   | 1   | 1   | 6   |
| A. D. Coppin     | 0   | 1   | 0   | 1   |
| D. G. Woo        | 0   | 1   | 0   | 2   |
| D. Black         | 0   | 0   | 1   | 5   |
| S. W. Tang       | 0   | 0   | 1   | 4   |
| T. W. Chatterley | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| F. A. Sequeira   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| K. W. Fung       | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| S. W. Lee        | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| K. I. Ip         | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| S. W. Pan        | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| R. K. C. Chiu    | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   |
| Tang Man-wa      | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   |
| B. A. Proulx     | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   |
| Yeung Wing-kwai  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 3   |
| Ho Hong-ping     | 0   | 0   | 0   | 3   |
| R. M. Wood       | 0   | 0   | 0   | 4   |
| Hoo Pak-ming     | 0   | 0   | 0   | 4   |
| P. P. Botelho    | 0   | 0   | 0   | 5   |
| S. L. Sung       | 0   | 0   | 0   | 5   |
| G. Treverton     | 0   | 0   | 0   | 6   |
| H. S. Chang      | 0   | 0   | 0   | 6   |
| S. L. Yuen       | 0   | 0   | 0   | 7   |

### OWNERS

|                    | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| T. K. L.           | 2   | 0   | 0   |
| Lin                | 1   | 2   | 0   |
| Cire               | 1   | 1   | 1   |
| Necan              | 1   | 0   | 0   |
| C. W. K.           | 1   | 0   | 0   |
| Mrs. A. E. Grasett | 1   | 0   | 0   |
| P. & L.            | 1   | 0   | 0   |
| Yeung Bros.        | 1   | 0   | 0   |
| Weetoo             | 1   | 0   | 0   |
| Li Po-chun         | 1   | 0   | 0   |
| Shields & Stantons | 1   | 0   | 0   |
| Eve                | 0   | 2   | 0   |
| S. K.              | 0   | 1   | 0   |
| Eu Tong-ten        | 0   | 1   | 0   |
| C. H.              | 0   | 1   | 0   |
| Lee Bros.          | 0   | 1   | 0   |
| Lee Chi-choh       | 0   | 1   | 0   |
| Billy              | 0   | 1   | 0   |
| S. W. Lee          | 0   | 1   | 0   |
| Quartermaster      | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| C. N. K.           | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| Gredmaka           | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| Toots              | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| Marber             | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| Vilaia             | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| Pearstun           | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| S. S.              | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| Menetta            | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| G. Tinon           | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| Mrs. Chuong Ho-yen | 0   | 0   | 1   |



## RAPIER'S SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY

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| Race No. 1<br>FRESH AIR<br>JUN GENTLEM<br>HAPPY RETURNS<br>Outsider: Moonlight. | Race No. 2<br>BURFORD<br>O-LAN<br>EVE OF HARVEST<br>Outsider: Confusion Bay. | Race No. 3<br>KING'S WELCOME<br>FLEETWING<br>COLOOMA<br>Outsider: Ratio Decidendi. | Race No. 4<br>UNITED EXPRESS<br>AMULET STAR<br>ARAXY II<br>Outsider: National Welfare. | Race No. 5<br>JOHNBER<br>OONACH<br>AVON<br>Outsider: Humdrum Eve. | Race No. 6<br>OOLONG<br>CHARLESBER<br>LOVELYLIGHT<br>Outsider: Velvetlight. | Race No. 7<br>ENDEAVOUR<br>BLACK SEAL<br>MAINSAIL<br>Outsider: Seal River. | Race No. 8<br>NOMINE POENAE<br>DISTANT VIEW<br>FIRST LOVE<br>Outsider: Prairie View. | Race No. 9<br>A SURPRISING TIME<br>ROYAL SOVEREIGN<br>BENDEMEER<br>Outsider: Dashing Beauty. | Race No. 10<br>SANTA-ANITA<br>NEWBORN STAR<br>NEVER-NEVER<br>Outsider: Hole In One. | Race No. 11<br>SOLDIER OF BRITAIN<br>EVE OF PEACE<br>ROYAL WEDDING EVE<br>Outsider: Lovely Star. | Race No. 12<br>SPRINGHURST<br>FAIR CHANCE<br>MANY THANKS<br>Outsider: Vixen Tor.<br>Daily Double: Endeavour and A Surprising Time. |
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## EFFECT OF WAR ON BRITISH GOLF

If the war ended to-morrow, professionals say it would be 10 years before British golf would recover from its effects, writes Harry Grayson from New York.

It took 10 years for England to even partially recover its playing strength following World War I, and the current conflict may deal the game in the old world a much more punishing blow than the one of 1914-18.

American golfers wonder what is happening to such shrines of the sport as St. Andrews, Hoylake, Prestwick, Sandwich and Deaf.

Dick Chapman has his mind set on the North and South Amateur at Pinehurst, and take it or leave it, the Augusta Masters.

Although he was brought up on the Pinehurst courses, Chapman has never won the North and South "The Masters" is a large order.

But people listen to Chapman now when he announces his plans. It was last winter that he told Pinehurst friends he was going to join the Winged Foot Golf Club in New York, study the course and win the National Amateur in September.

Chapman, wintering in Florida, will go to Pinehurst early in the spring for his big efforts there and in Augusta.

Jimmy Thomson, concerned about his short game, spent a month at Pinehurst brushing up for the winter tour. John Forsman, president of Winged Foot, took motion pictures of Thomson's swing. There were long night sessions in which Horton Smith and other golfing analysts probed deeply into the Scotsman's methods.

Jimmy Thomson made adjustments and shot a 68 over the championship course in his farewell.

Golf is the one game in which the stars jump at the chance to help one another.

## RECREIO TROUNCED BY 'VARSITY

University "A" defeated Recreio 9-0, in "A" division of the badminton league last night.

P. K. Hool and H. F. Chew (Univ. "A").

beat M. A. Oliveira and A. M. Rodrigues 21-12

beat J. J. Remedios and H. F. Gonsalves 21-7

beat L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva 23-22

K. W. Choy and C. K. Lee (Univ. "A").

beat Oliveira and Rodrigues 21-3

beat Remedios and Gonsalves 21-12

beat Carvalho and Silva 21-1

M. S. Lim and S. F. Yung (Univ. "A").

beat Oliveira and Rodrigues 21-10

beat Remedios and Gonsalves 21-2

beat Carvalho and Silva 21-10

### League Table

|                | P. | L. | W. | F. | A. | Pts. |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| University "A" | 4  | 0  | 4  | 33 | 3  | 8    |
| University "B" | 3  | 1  | 2  | 16 | 11 | 4    |
| Recreio        | 4  | 3  | 1  | 9  | 27 | 2    |
| Chinese "Y"    | 5  | 4  | 1  | 14 | 31 | 2    |

## YACHTING RESULTS

The sixth women's championship series sailed by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday resulted:

Gull ..... 16.58.36 8

(Miss B. M. Richards).

True Blue ..... 17.01.21 6

(Mrs. M. Johnson).

Maureen ..... 17.04.29 4

(Mrs. W. Whittaker).

Artemis did not finish.

A Billiards Social Evening will be held at the European Y.M.C.A. at 7.30 p.m. to-day for members and their friends.

## LACOSTE NOMINATED TENNIS CHIEF

LAWN TENNIS ENTHUSIASTS have probably been wondering what has happened to the famous French players. News is gradually coming to hand.

Jean Borotra was recently appointed Commissioner for Physical Education and Sports, and now he has asked his old colleague, Rene Lacoste, one of the greatest of French players, to become president of the French Lawn Tennis Federation.

Lacoste was one of the famous "four musketeers"—Borotra, Henri Cochet and Jacques Brugnon were the others who won the Davis Cup for France from the United States of America, at Philadelphia in 1927, and held it until Great Britain won it in 1933.

### Wimbledon Visitor

Lacoste was a regular and popular visitor to Wimbledon where he won the singles championship in 1925 and 1928, but he has been out of the public eye for some ten years, having retired from inter-

national lawn tennis. Unlike Borotra, he had a steady, unspectacular style in which accuracy figured to a high degree.

Lacoste took his game so seriously that he always did special physical training for important contests. He also kept copious notes of his matches. He made a note of reasons for any defeats and jotted down suggestions on how he could improve faulty strokes.

An American once offered him £200 for one of his notebooks. Lacoste refused. "It helps me and that is a priceless consideration," he said.

In the year before the war Borotra helped to launch "popular tennis" in the French public parks. It is likely that some revival of this scheme will be included in his plans.—Reuter.



## ARMY SPORTLIGHT

# Army Rugby Sevens Should Be Very Open

## 'Diehards' At Last Do The Trick; Beat Sing Tao

By "Squaddy"

TO-DAY at Sookunpoo there are two games being played in the Large Units' Rugby League, between Royal Engineers and the Middlesex Regiment in the first match, and Combined Royal Artillery and Royal Scots in the second match.

The first game will commence at 3 p.m., and the second at 4.30 p.m.

Engineers are favoured to win their match with the Middlesex, although the latter are a team not to be underestimated, as the Combined Small Units found to their cost last week. In a previous fixture the Engineers defeated the strong Royal Scots fifteen by getting a try in the last few minutes of the game.

In the second match the Combined Royal Artillery and the Royal Scots should have a hard battle as both have a good team and are well experienced, having several Army players in their midst. Royal Scots have the stronger back division, especially in Capt. Douglass, who is an excellent all round player.

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This season the Army seven-a-side competition will be very open as many of the Army sevens are stronger than in previous seasons. Among the teams entering are Royal Engineers, who can call upon the services of Cpl. Birrell, Cpl. Pictou, Cpl. Foley, and Sgt. Sheldrake. The Middlesex Regiment also have some excellent players in their midst, including Capt. Man, Capt. Hewitt, Lieut. Weedon, Sgt. Bayly, L/Cpl. Moggeridge, Pte. Berry and Pte. Jones.

Combined Small Units have about the strongest Army seven in Hong Kong and should be able to offer strong opposition to all comers. They will most probably turn out the same team as they have entered for the Colony seven-a-side which is taking place this week. Their team is as follows: Pte. Macdonald, Lieut. Coombes (Capt.), Sgt. Hamlin, L/Cpl. Morgan, Sgt. Manfield, Cpl. Chandler, and Sgt. Bedford. Other likely teams for this competition will be the 8th Hvy. Regt., R.A., 12th Hvy. Regt., R.A., 5th A.A. Regt., R.A., and the Royal Scots.

## ASSOCIATION

## FOOTBALL

At last the Diehards have accomplished the feat of beating Sing Tao in Senior Division of the Hong Kong Football League. They were unlucky in their two previous matches, with this club and lost by the odd goal, Sing Tao on both occasions being saved by their goalkeeper.

Middlesex have still to find a centre-forward, and if this could be done they would be able to go much further in the football world than they have done. They are top of all non-Chinese teams in the League.

Engineers and Service Corps are fighting hard for Second Division honours, and neither side can afford to drop a point at a moment like this. During the last month the Engineers have not been playing their usual standard of football, although they have only lost one match this season out of 19 games. Service Corps have lost three out of 20.

At Sookunpoo to-morrow, Signals will meet the 30th Hvy. Bty., R.A. in the re-play of the Junior Shield.

Signals, a Third Division side, did well to hold 30th Bty. in the previous game and it would not surprise if they knocked out the Gunners to-morrow. They have still a good chance of pulling off Third Division honours as they are only two points behind the leaders, Royal Air Force.

The Scottish team for the International Cup final against England are having trouble in finding a centre-half. I think they should give Cpl. Birrell of the Royal En-

gineers a trial in this position as he is a hard worker and has played for the Army in several representative matches.

## HOCKEY

At Shan-chu-poo on Sunday, Middlesex Regiment defeated the Punjab by five goals to one in the Large Units' Hockey League. They still have an unbeaten record this year and the challenge that they have given the British Army ranks should be an excellent match to look forward to, as in my opinion they will be able to exceed them. They have lost a good player in Pte. Stickley, who, I understand, is on the injured list, and his place is being filled by Sgt. Freshwater of the Battalion football eleven.

## DADO'S BIG WIN OVER OLIVEIRA

Little Dado, the Filipino battler who holds the world's fly-weight championship, decisively defeated Tony Oliveira, of San Francisco, in a 10-round bout at Honolulu last month.

Dado, weighing 115 pounds, won every round. Some fight experts said it was the worst beating Oliveira ever absorbed during his career. Oliveira weighed in for the bout at 117½ pounds. A.P.

## SPORTS CAMPAIGN FOR THE ARMY

THE ARMY IS PREPARING a big sport campaign. Troops training in Britain are to have more recreation and games, writes a correspondent.

The authorities know that physical fitness won through sport keeps soldiers happy — and keen to meet the enemy when the time comes.

Plans for developing Army sport were considered at a meeting called by the Army Sports Control Board. It was attended by commanding officers, who had before them the views of the big civilian sports organisations.

Mr. S. F. Rous, the Football Association secretary; Mr. L. Richardson, hon. secretary of the English Cross-Country Union, and Mr. Frank Attwood, of the Amateur Boxing Association, were there.

## No Championships

No Army championships in games are planned, but individual championships in athletics may be organised by the different commands.

Possibly teams could compete for championships in divisions.

While there are plenty of grounds available, equipment still provides a big problem.

Some units have their own sports funds. But as the authorities feel that everyone in the Army should take part in some sort of game, much more equipment is wanted.

The question of the ex-professional football player obtaining leave to play for his former club at week-ends is stated to be unchanged.

## BING CROSBY-BOB HOPE'S BRITISH CHARITY GOLF

Bob Hope and Bing Crosby are teaming up with a pair of golf pros for a tour of the country in charity matches for British War relief. They will make personal appearances in towns where they play, that money also going for war relief.

Duke of Windsor expected to join them on the Florida circuit.

## S'HAU-OWNED COLT TRAINED OVER HURDLES

Chateau Larose, the promising two-year-old owned by Mr. H. E. Morris of Shanghai, and trained by the Hon. George Lambton, at Newmarket, has been given practice over hurdles.

It is thought that this will cause the colt to settle down in readiness for the flat next season.

Chateau Larose is by Chateau Bouscaut-Pasca, and is a half brother to Fusch, who won the Two Thousand Guineas and Eclipse Stakes, for Mr. Morris in 1938.

He has raced only twice. He made a winning first appearance in the Rosendale Stakes at Manchester in October, and in his next race finished fourth in the Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket.

Chateau Larose holds a number of important engagements next season. Among them are the Two Thousand Guineas, Derby, St. Leger and Eclipse Stakes. — Reuter.

# DEATH OF FAMOUS GOLFING FIGURE

FRONT RANK GOLFER for more than a quarter of a century, winner of eight British amateur titles, and the first amateur to win the Open, Mr. John Ball died recently at Holywell, North Wales, aged 79.

A native of Hoylake, Cheshire, Ball, acclaimed by all as a "born golfer," made an appearance in an Open championship when in his teens, and startled the golfing world by finishing sixth, only eight strokes behind the winner.

Seven years later he played in the first amateur championship, and reached the semi-final, in which he lost to Horace Hutchinson by two holes.

Ball won the title in 1888, 1890, 1892, 1894, 1899, 1907, 1910 and 1912. In 1890 he also won the "Open," a feat not equalled until America's Bobby Jones secured both honours ten years ago.

## Irish Champion

Ball won innumerable other awards. He was Irish Open Amateur champion three times, four times winner of the St. George's Grand Challenge Cup, and holder of scratch medals in all parts of the country.

A reserved man, who never spoke of his triumphs, Ball had only one rival who challenged his eminence. This was Harold Hilton, four times amateur champion, and there was an interesting sequel in 1927, when the championship was played at Hoylake.

Hilton was beaten in the first round, and Ball, who had a bye, lost in his opening match. It was a somewhat melancholy ending to two great golfing careers, as neither was afterwards seen in championship play.

From 1902 to 1911 Ball captained the English team against Scotland in amateur international matches.

He should retain for many years his record as eight times British Amateur title holder. — Reuter.

## TO-DAY'S CRICKET

Weather permitting Volunteers will be playing Kowloon Cricket Club at Cox's Road, starting at 2 p.m. to-day.

Following are the teams:  
VOLUNTEERS — H. Owen-Hughes, G. G. Aitkenhead, D. G. Day, G. N. Gosano, L. G. Gosano, R. H. Griffiths, J. L. Hsley, D. O. Parsons, L. T. Ride, P. M. N. da Silva and E. Zimmern. Twelfth Man — A. E. Perry.

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## VOLUNTEER MATCH OFF

Owing to the ground being unfit, the match between Club and the Volunteers yesterday was cancelled.

## Carson For P.I. Tennis Open

L. D. Carson, Shanghai's ace tennis player, will be figuring in the biggest tourney of his career this month when he plays in the Philippine Open Tennis Championship in Manila, which attracts some of the best talent in the Far East and Australia states the Shanghai "China Press."

Carson left recently for the southern city and is expected to be away for about a month, during which time he will probably also take part in the Philippine Wack Wack Golf Championship.

This is the third time that Carson has been invited by the Philippine Lawn Tennis Association to take part in this championship, but this year is the first time that the Shanghai star has been able to accept.

While in Shanghai, Carson has swept aside all opposition in a highly convincing manner and it will be extremely interesting to see how he will fare against first-rate competition. It may be recalled that Carson received a strong test in May 1930 when F. Ampon, the Filipino Davis Cup player, paid a visit here. On that occasion, Carson was out of practice, but nevertheless he gave an excellent account of himself despite losing the match.

## Rapid Golf Rise

Carson's visit to Manila and his possible participation in a golf tourney there also throws attention to his rapid rise in the local golf world. It was not more than three years ago that he first picked up the game, but in the brief interval since then, he has cut his handicap down from 24 to two. His biggest achievement, however, was his performance in the China Open Amateur Championship play last year when he finished up as runner-up to Tony Ricketts.

He is not expected to capture the Wack Wack Open, which has a purse of U.S. \$5,000 for participating professionals, but he should be able to rank well at the top.

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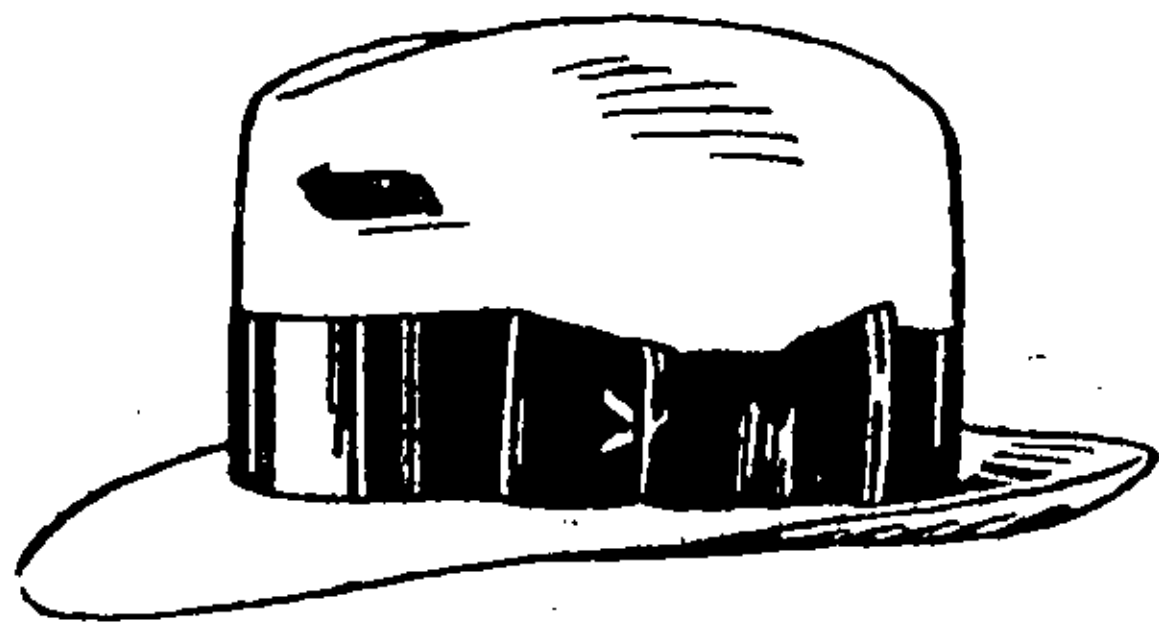


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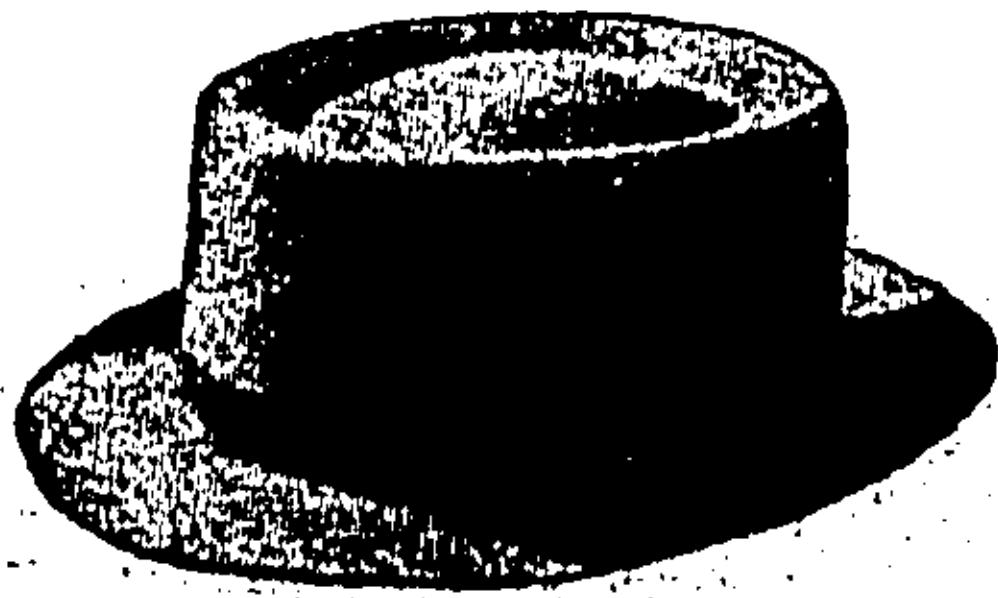


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H. J. Holden, the Shanghai jockey, who sustained a nasty cut on the right knee when he was kicked by a pony just before the start of the second section of the Sydney Maidens yesterday, was taken to the War Memorial Hospital this morning on the advice of his doctor.

Mr. Holden will not take any further part in the Race Week and will probably return to Shanghai on Monday.

In the meantime it is learned that Messrs. C. B. Moller and Francis Noedt will take care of the Li Po-chun stable, for which Mr. Holden specially came down from Shanghai as first string jockey.

This will prove a great disappointment to both Mr. Holden and his supporters for he showed, in the two races that he took part in yesterday, that he is indeed a first class jockey.





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## GERMAN MOVE INTO BULGARIA Not Believed Imminent In Turkey

### British Policy In Bulgaria

The British Minister to Bulgaria, Mr. George Rendel, yesterday outlined British policy towards Bulgaria.

He was replying to questions raised by Reuter's correspondent in Sofia as a result of various statements in the Bulgarian press.

"British policy is aimed at maintenance of the neutrality and independence of Bulgaria and at preventing the war from spreading to Bulgarian soil," declared Mr. Rendel.

"The British Government welcome the development of close and friendly relations between Bulgaria and her neighbours.

#### British Attitude

"We have no wish whatever of taking any initiative towards violating Bulgaria's neutrality or of involving Bulgaria in war.

"If Bulgaria loses her neutrality and war is brought to Bulgaria it will be solely and directly on the initiative of Germany.

"The question of whether the British Legation remains or not, depends solely on the movement of Germans."—Reuter.

### HURRICANE HAVOC IN PORTUGAL

It was estimated in Lisbon yesterday that 78 were killed in the hurricane that swept Portugal at the week-end. Twenty deaths occurred in Lisbon alone.

Madeira was also struck by the hurricane, damage there being estimated at about 80,000 contos, which is equal to £800,000.

In Portugal strenuous attempts are being made to restore communications and a section of the 1939 class of army telegraphists have been called to the colours to repair damage to telephone and telegraph wires throughout the country.—Reuter.

#### 620 INDIANS LOST IN SEA WAR

Altogether 620 Indian Lascars have been killed as a result of enemy action, according to official information released in New Delhi yesterday, says Reuter.

## But Nazi Military Preparations Continue

### AXIS NAVAL CHIEFS IN CONFERENCE

It was announced in Berlin yesterday that Admiral Raeder, Commander-in-Chief of the German navy, and Admiral Ricciardi, Secretary of State for the Italian navy, conferred at Merano, Italy, on Thursday and Friday last week.

The official German news agency says: "A thorough exchange of views on the conduct of the war against England, which was carried on in a spirit of comradeship, resulted in complete unanimity."—Reuter.

**GERMAN MILITARY PREPARATIONS INSIDE BULGARIA INCLUDE THE STRENGTHENING OF RAIL BRIDGES AND ROADS AND THE LAYING DOWN OF PETROL DUMPS, ACCORDING TO RELIABLE SOURCES IN ANKARA YESTERDAY.**

**A German move into Bulgaria, however, is not regarded as imminent in Turkish circles.**

The opinion is held in Ankara that the Germans are conducting a "war of nerves" and will continue to do this until military preparations are completed.

Turkish opinion concerning the whole Balkan situation remains calm.

IT IS POINTED OUT IN ANKARA THAT THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE YUGOSLAVS HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO COLLABORATE IN OR FACILITATE GERMAN SCHEMES IN THE BALKANS.

A question pertinently asked is why should Yugoslavia facilitate a German attack on Greece which would have for object the restoration of Italian power in the Adriatic?—Reuter.

### BOMBING DANUBE ICE BARRIERS

The Danube has burst its banks and 30,000 people have been evacuated from their homes after the waters of the swollen river burst through the protective dykes 30 miles below Budapest, says a despatch to the official French news agency at Vichy yesterday.

Engineers had made desperate efforts to keep the waters back but in the end the whole region had to be abandoned.

A second "line of defence" has been formed about 12 miles from the Danube, a railway embankment being used.

Military aircraft, meanwhile, are bombing masses of ice which are stopping the flow of the river.—Reuter.

#### 32,000 Flee

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Dynamiting and bombs dropped from planes in order to blast the large masses of ice in the Danube were not particularly successful and the water is continually rising.

Several areas have been evacuated and upwards of 30,000 people are fleeing to the cities.—International News Service.

## D.E.I. ATTITUDE MARKED BY CALM DETERMINATION

**PUBLIC REACTION IN THE DUTCH EAST INDIES TO THE ALARMING RUMOURS OF THE LAST TWO DAYS HAS BEEN AN ATTITUDE OF CALM DETERMINATION, STATED BATAVIA RADIO YESTERDAY.**

"There can be no doubt whatever as to the attitude of the Dutch East Indies Government," said the announcer.

"They will do all in their power to maintain peace in the Pacific but should honour or interest demand it they would not hesitate to defend both."

The trade negotiations with Japan were being reopened and a meeting was arranged for yesterday between the Japanese consul-general in Batavia and members of the Japanese trade

delegation and Jonkheer van Hoodstraeten, who is conducting the negotiations on behalf of the Dutch East Indies.

A REASONABLE REQUEST BY JAPAN WOULD BE ACCEDDED TO, ADDED THE ANNOUNCER, BUT UNREASONABLE DEMANDS WOULD BE MET WITH A FIRM REFUSAL.—REUTER.

#### MORE ITALIAN PRISONERS

A further 3,000 Italian prisoners from North Africa arrived in Bombay yesterday, says a Reuter despatch from that port.

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# LEASE AND LEND BILL PARLEY

President Roosevelt's "War Cabinet" Meets

## Planning In Advance Of Passage

MR. HARRY HOPKINS, recently President Roosevelt's special envoy to Britain, was present at a White House conference yesterday on the subject of the Lease and Lend Bill.

Also present were the Secretary for War, Mr. Henry Stimson, the Secretary of Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, the Secretary for Navy, Col. Frank Knox, and the Secretary for Agriculture, Mr. Wickard, as well as the Director of Budgets.

Mr. Stephen Early, President Roosevelt's secretary, described the conference as one of a series which will continue to make advance arrangements for the Bill. When passed, he added, many administrative requirements will be set and ready.

### Food For Britain

On Sunday night Mr. Hopkins had a conversation with President Roosevelt which lasted until 2 o'clock in the morning.

The presence of Mr. Wickard at the conference indicates the possibility that the question of food supplies for Britain was among those discussed.

After the conference Mr. Wickard said: "I think food is very necessary for British defence but I think we have ships more than anything else to haul food." — Reuter.

cross, a British 4-engine mail carrier. A tri-cycle type undercarriage is provided, a growing practice with American types, and there is provision for 32 passengers by day, or 16 by night, besides the crew of four. The cruising speed at a height of two miles is around 230 m.p.h. It has a ceiling of about five miles, on four Hornet engines of 150 h.p. each, and a maximum range of 2,000 miles.

## MORE U.S.A. 4-MOTOR AIRCRAFT

Two types of 4-motor aircraft now being developed by Lockheed, one of the best known constructors of California, offer a good indication of the current trend of civil air liner development in the U.S.A. They are known as the L-44 and L-49, and are of special interest since the Lockheed Company has previously restricted its activities to 2-motor transports. One such type, the Lockheed 14, has gained a fame with the Coastal Command of the R.A.F. in the modified form known as the Hudson. The first order for Hudsons was placed just before the war.

Some details have already been published about the L-44, provisionally known as "Excalibur", but little information about the design and performance of the L-49 has so far been released.

Excalibur is a four-engined, low wing monoplane, with an all-up weight of 38,600 lbs. (17 tons approximately) which is about twice the weight of the Lockheed 14, or approximately half a ton more than that of the D. H. Alba-



Clearing up shell-cases after an 8-barrel Pom Pom on a British warship has been in action. (Copyright, Fox).

## HUGE DOUGLAS BOMBER IN PRODUCTION

WHAT IS PROBABLY THE WORLD'S LARGEST BOMBER-TROOP CARRIER WILL SHORTLY BE IN PRODUCTION IN THE U.S.A.

This is the B19 Douglas bomber which weighs 80 tons when fully loaded with its eighteen tons of bombs and ten tons of armament. It has a range of 7,500 miles and carries a crew of ten.

With a wing span of 212 feet this giant machine is driven by four Wright Duplex engines each developing 2,000 horse power and attains a speed between 200 and 250 m.p.h. at about 25,000 feet.

It is stated that the armaments, details of which are kept a close secret, enable the B19 to beat off attacks from several fighters at once without assistance from escorting aircraft. — British Wireless.

## ENEMY BOMBER DOWN OFF NORFOLK COAST

According to an Air Ministry communique a few bombs were dropped in east and south-east England and north Scotland yesterday, causing little damage and a small number of casualties.

An enemy bomber was shot down into the sea off the Norfolk coast in the afternoon.—Reuter.

## Hoover Plan For Relief

Mr. Herbert Hoover's plan for food relief in the smaller German occupied countries, which he stated in his recent broadcast speech to be under consideration by the British and German Governments, is thought in well-informed London circles to present many serious difficulties.

Main problem which at once arises is the systematic looting of foodstuffs in occupied countries which has already been carried out by the Germans themselves.

Britain cannot be accused of lack of humanitarian feeling in refusing to relax the blockade to assist to feed despoiled populations especially when the Germans themselves are continually boasting—even to the peoples they have overrun—that they have food enough to supply the whole of Europe.

The Hoover plan might recommend itself if the necessary utensils and food were obtained in Europe and paid for with dollars held by American banks in Germany and at present blocked by the Nazis. But again the problem cannot be so easily simplified, for Mr. Hoover suggests that soup kitchens should be established as an experiment.—British Wireless.

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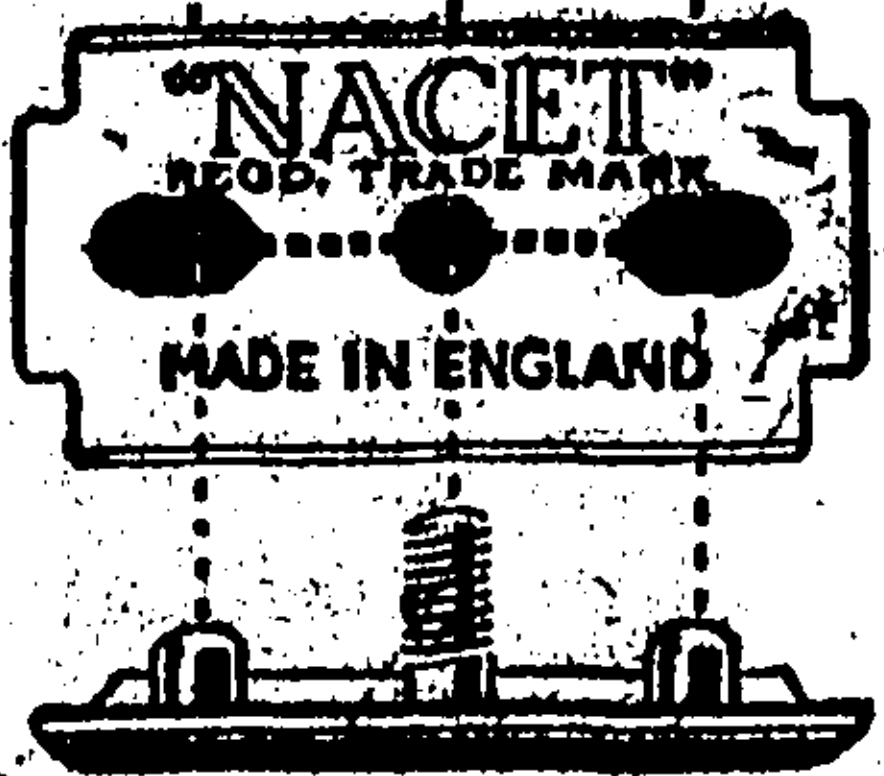
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For some time past Turkey's diplomatic efforts have been consistently directed to the difficult task of building up a united front among the Balkan countries for the purpose of resisting Axis aggression.

Having regard, however, to the advanced condition of German infiltration into Bulgaria it is hard to see how the actual political situation in the Balkans can be seriously affected by the present agreement.

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This line of propaganda is entirely without foundation. — British Wireless.



Mechanised material and troops of the British Forces on Greek soil, being surrounded by crowds when passing through a town. (Copyright, Fox).

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Indications that R.A.F. Bombers have made their longest operational flight of the war are given in an Air Ministry communique stating that leaflets were dropped over the Cracow and Katowice areas of Poland on Saturday night.

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Previous longest flight made by R.A.F. bombers was the 1,600 miles round journey to and from Danzig railway station, which was bombed last November. — British Wireless.

## NAZIS SACK DR. COLIJN

Dr. Hendrik Colijn, 71-year-old former Dutch Prime Minister, has been dismissed by the Germans from his post as editor of the conservative news paper "De Standaard," it was learned in London yesterday.

Dr. Colijn, the Germans say, "will not adapt himself to the new conditions."

Dr. Colijn has been associated with the paper—one of the most influential in Holland—for over 20 years and had acted as editor since his retirement from the Cabinet.

He has long been at loggerheads with the Axis and "De Standaard"

## MR. JOHN WHYATT HARD AT WORK

It was announced in New Delhi yesterday that Mr. Archibald Carter has assumed the post of Chairman of the Eastern Group Supply Council.

Pending the arrival of representatives of Australia, South Africa and New Zealand, Mr. John Whyatt, Secretary of the Council, has commenced the spadework. — Reuter.

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## DULL DAY ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE

The London Stock Exchange was dull yesterday apart from home rails where anticipatory speculative buying in view of dividend announcements due on Feb. 28 caused useful advances. Gilt-edged were steady. Oils turned irregular while industrials tended easier, especially textiles on the projected curtailment but tobaccos were maintained. Kafirs were steady at a small decline. Japanese bonds rallied on the lessened Far Eastern tension. Wall Street was very quiet. — Reuter.

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# Dive-Bomber Lairs In Sicily Heavily Raided

THE LAIRS OF dive-bombers in Sicily were attacked by the R.A.F. during the week-end, a communique issued by R.A.F. Headquarters in the Middle East in Cairo saying the attacks took place on Saturday night.

At Catania hangars and administrative buildings were bombed and several fires and explosions caused. Aircraft on the ground were burned.

At Cosimo bombs fell on dispersed aircraft, causing explosions and fires, one of which lasted over half an hour.

The aerodrome at Gela was also attacked successfully and aircraft on the return journey from this raid machine-gunned the beacon station at Cape Passero.

## Direct Hits

Hangars, buildings and workshops at Mai Adaga, in Eritrea, were heavily damaged and photographs were taken showing the effect of several direct hits.

Around Keren fighter aircraft supported British troops.

Near Gurz enemy aircraft were intercepted and shot down and others damaged near Keren.

In Abyssinia dispersed enemy aircraft and stores were set on fire at Chinelli.

## German Shot Down

Australian fighter aircraft intercepted German bombers near Benghazi and one German plane was shot down.

Raids on Malta on Saturday and Sunday caused no damage to R.A.F. property.

A Fleet Air Arm plane on reconnaissance off the coast of Tunis attacked and sunk a merchant vessel of about 7,000 tons.

Only one British bomber and one fighter failed to return from these operations.—Reuter.

## AIR ATTACK IN JUBA RIVER ZONE

A Nairobi communique states: "South African Air Force bombers have continued sustained activities during the last few days.

On February 15 the heaviest dive bombing attack yet was made on Gelib, on the east bank of the Juba River. Our bombers, attacking in waves, dropped a large number of bombs on the village and enemy barracks there. Many hits were observed and several fires started.

On the previous day bombers carried out an offensive reconnaissance east of the Juba River. Enemy mechanical transport was located and bombers registered hits north of Mega, Abyssinia."

An official announcement in Nairobi states it is now known that a large quantity of ammunition, stores and material was captured at Kismayu and the Italians left a number of heavy coast defence and A.A. guns intact. The defences of Kismayu were of great strength and included tank traps and a deep belt of barbed wire.—British Wireless.

## D.G.S. THEFT

Miss E. M. Gibbins, head mistress of the Diocesan Girls' School, has reported to the police that between Friday and Sunday an overcoat, valued at \$95, was stolen from the school premises.

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## PORTUGUESE CHILD BADLY INJURED

A FOUR-YEAR-OLD PORTUGUESE LAD, FRANCISCO D'ECA, OF NO. 8, OBSERVATORY ROAD, WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED YESTERDAY AFTER-NOON WHEN HE WAS KNOCKED DOWN BY AN UNCONTROLLED CAR RACING DOWN OBSERVATORY HILL.

He was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital.

The lad's Chinese amah, Ng Yan, was also hurt but was not detained.

It is believed that three boys, playing in Observatory Hill where the car, No. 4744, was parked, pushed the car and as a result the brakes relaxed and the car went racing down the hill.

After hitting the four-year-old boy and his amah, the vehicle ended its journey against a wall and was badly damaged.

to the line of the Juba River. Meanwhile quantities of guns and war materials of all kinds taken with the capture of Kismayu are being checked.—British Wireless.

## ALL CLEAR SIGNAL

EGYPT, THE SUDAN AND KENYA HAVE BEEN CLEARED OF ITALIANS EXCEPT PRISONERS.

This news is given in a Cairo G.H.Q. communique which states: "Libya and Eritrea—situation remains unchanged.

Abyssinia—with the fall of Kurmuk on Feb. 14 no Italians remain on the soil of Egypt, the Sudan or Kenya except as prisoners. Our move towards Gondar has been resumed. In the area of Lake Rudolf our troops continue their penetration.

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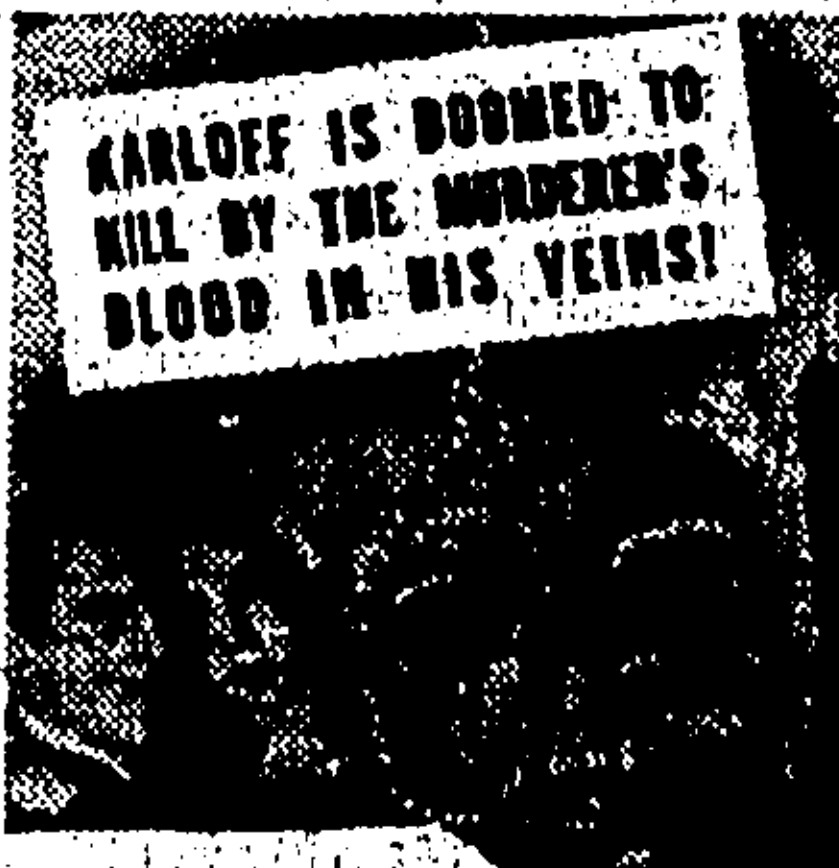


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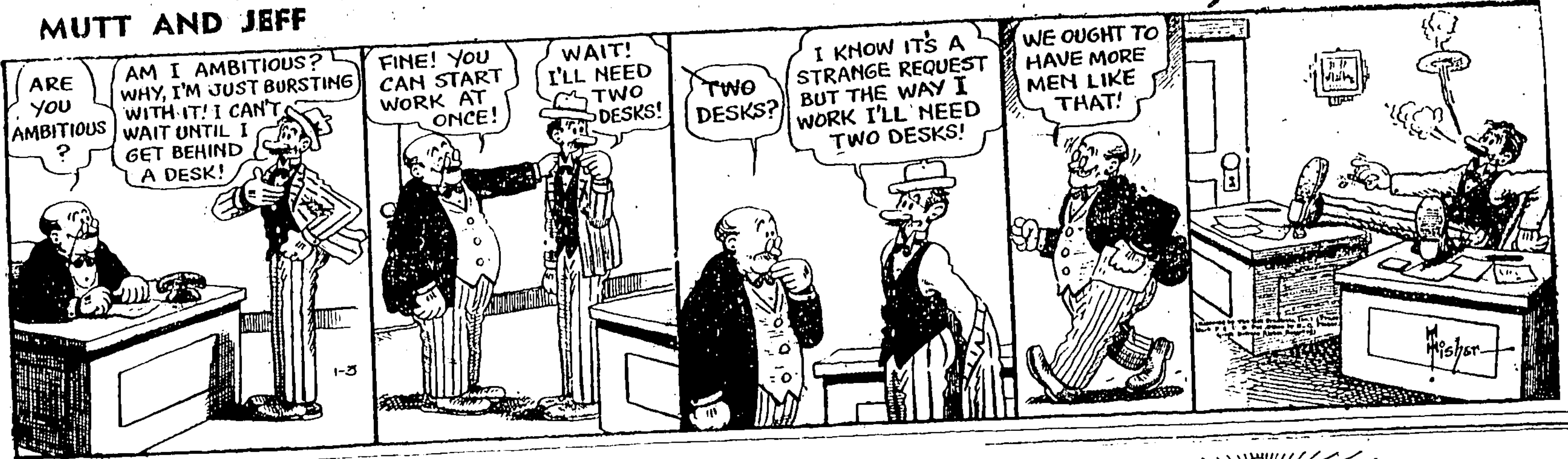
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# GLAD EYES HIT WAR OUTPUT

WOMEN ARE SHOWING more aptitude for munition work than men — as long as they do not work side by side with the men.

Managers of big factories find that when women and men work together the attention of the women wanders from their work.

They are more interested in talking to the men and making sure their noses are not shiny than in filling shells more quickly than their neighbour.

But when the women are working alone they are quicker at picking up their job, and much more eager to beat the output of their colleagues than are men.

"The speed of output falls when men and girls work side by side,"

the welfare manager of a large Essex firm engaged in Government work stated.

"The girls immediately become more interested in the men than in their work.

"They chat with the men and constantly powder their noses in case the foreman should fail to approve of a girl with a shiny nose.

"In actual fact this is ridiculous. We prefer girls who give us the greatest output.

## Keen To Work

"No amount of eye-play directed at the foreman will help a girl towards a better job.

"Her good work alone does that. When girls work in the shops by themselves they are much quicker at their jobs.

"The munition girls are exceedingly keen on their work.

"But they like to pick and choose their particular job. When they have the one they want we find they are the finest workpeople we employ."

## INDIANS VOLUNTEER

Many Indian pilots who have offered their services to the R.A.F. are hoping soon to join other Indian pilot officers who are now in training in Britain.

One of them is the young brother of one of the most experienced pilots among the first batch to reach England. This officer said the other day: "Before I left India my little brother—he is 23—came to me and said he had volunteered for the R.A.F."

"Why did you do that?" I asked him. "Well," he said, "supposing you get killed. Only supposing. Well, if you do, we want at least one member of our family fighting these dashed Germans, don't we?"

# 70 MILE CHASE OUT TO SEA

"I was sent out in a Hurricane to do some aerobatics." That is how a pilot of the Free French Air Force began his report the other day. He had gone up on a training flight, but he came back to tell the story of a running fight with a German bomber which he chased 70 miles out to sea.

"I saw an aircraft coming from the sea at about 10,000 feet," he said. "I went to identify it. It turned back as soon as it saw me, and I followed it into the clouds at 22,000 feet. The upper rear gunner opened fire on me. I went close and also opened fire. The enemy dived to the clouds. I could not find him again. After looking about for ten minutes I had ice on my windscreen and I was about 70 miles away from the coast, so I came back."

An increasing number of Poles, Czechs, Frenchmen and Belgians are finishing their training in British types of aircraft and beginning to take part in air fighting.

They are generally veterans compared with R.A.F. fighter pilots. Their average age is 25-28. Many have had long service in commercial flying, and have also fought with distinction in Poland and France. But individual achievement was often higher than collective training, and they had to learn not only how to fly Hurricanes and Spitfires, but also the elements of squadron formation tactics.

Instructors and senior British officers have been astonished at their swift progress. For example, the first batch of a Polish squadron, now taking part in the defence of London, began training on Hurricanes in July, and the second batch in August. Yet early in August, when their Commander-in-Chief, General Sikorski, visited them they put up a display of formation flying, which, was almost perfect. And later in August, when they were made operational, they went out on their first patrol and shot down a Ju.88.

The spirit of these Poles is shown by the experience of one who was out on a training flight in a Hurricane when the engine seized up and caught fire. He came down in flames, severely burning his hands by keeping hold of the stick, and making a controlled landing. Even so, he would have been trapped in the blazing machine if, when it landed, it had not hit an obstacle and thrown him out, only 15 feet clear. A farmer and some other helpers rushed up and were dragging him to safety when the ammunition started exploding.

Although barely conscious, the Polish pilot insisted on his rescuers lying on the ground until all the ammunition had gone off. The farmer repaid this act by obtaining a baker's van within five minutes and taking the Pole straight to hospital.

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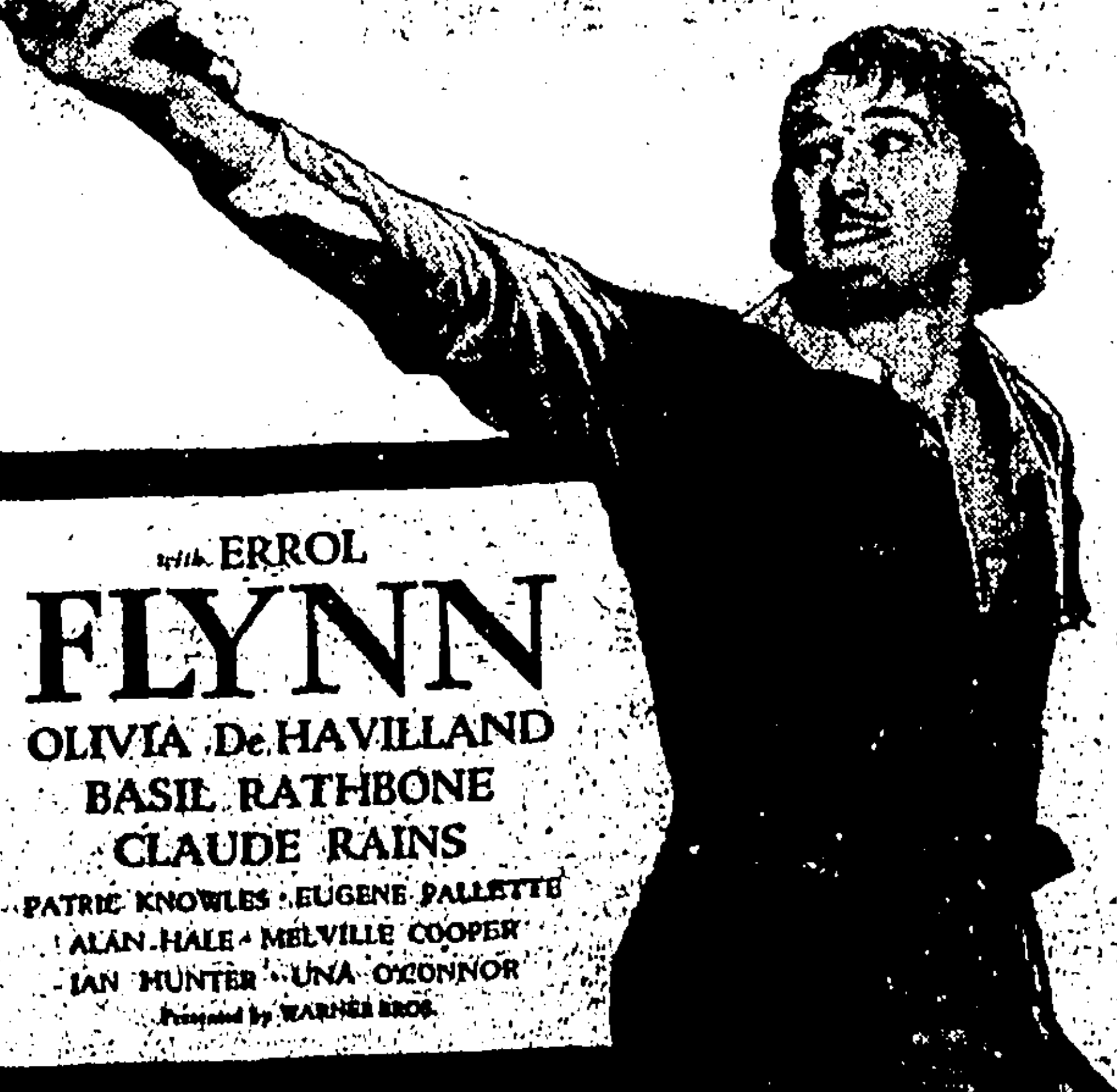
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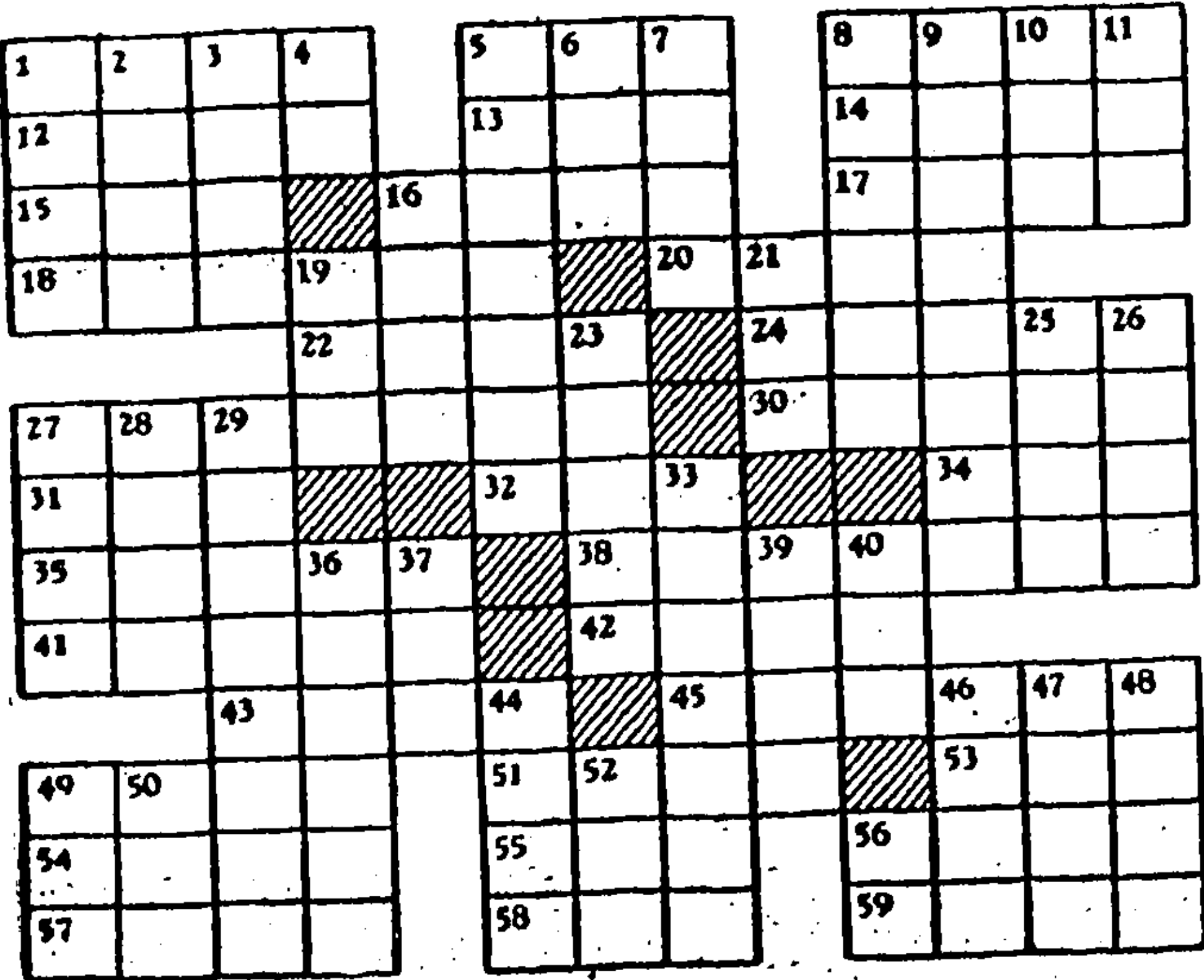
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- 16 Front part of a vessel
- 17 Southwest wind
- 18 Character in "The Three Musketeers"
- 20 Tardy
- 22 Ancient European country
- 24 King of Bulgaria
- 27 Acrobat
- 30 Place of combat
- 31 Fish eggs
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- 41 Birthplace of Mohammed
- 42 Bad
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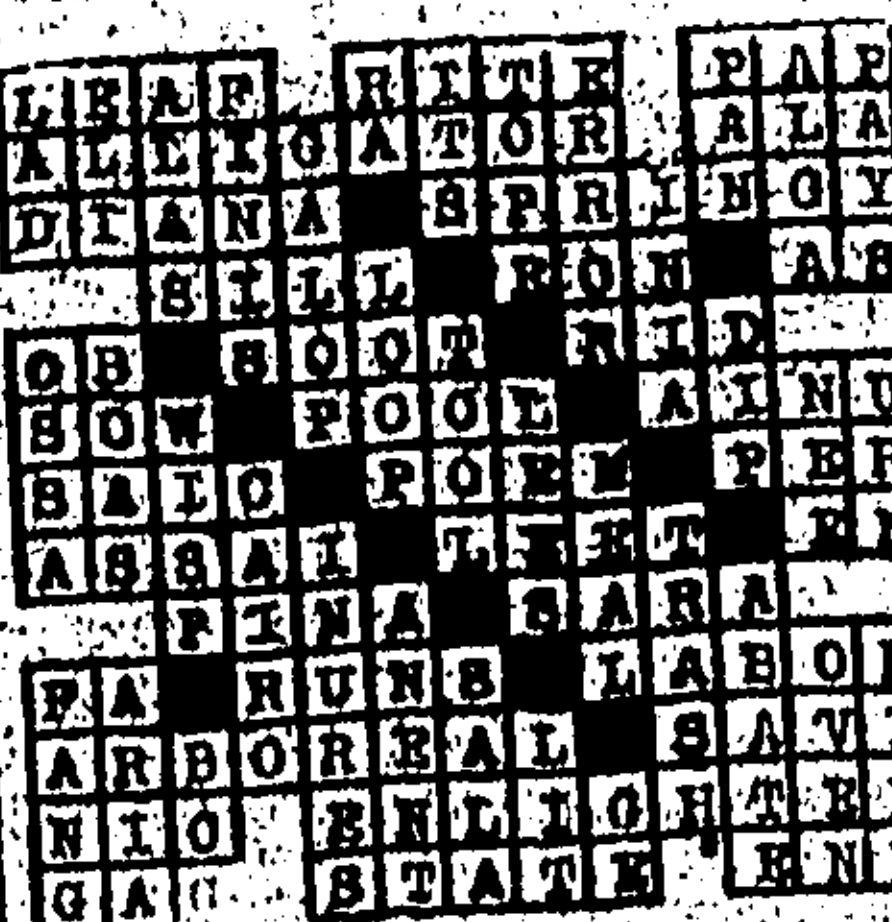
- 49 Secure
- 51 Large number
- 53 Prefix: new
- 54 To border
- 55 To devour
- 56 Entry
- 57 Elongated fishes
- 58 Some
- 59 Alaskan city

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- 1 Greek portico
- 2 Sandarac tree
- 3 Invisible emanation
- 4 Note of scale
- 5 To endure
- 6 Time gone by

- 7 Monk's hood
- 8 Politician
- 9 Humble
- 10 Fruit drink
- 11 Gaelic sea-god
- 16 Holy-water font
- 19 Chess pieces
- 21 Arabian garment
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- 25 Girl's name
- 26 Girl's name
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- 29 Lentil
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- 37 Scotch sorrowful
- 39 Husk
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## INVISIBLE MEN MURDER NAZI GUARDS

IN THE LONELIER stretches of the Landes forests, around Biarritz and Bayonne, and down in the passes of the Pyrenees a total of 16 German guards have been found murdered or badly injured within the past month. The injured Germans who survived tell of heavy blows rained on them in the darkness and under cover of the black-out, which has now been made blacker than ever.

Some of the dead German soldiers were knifed, some beaten to death with what appeared to be clubs roughly fashioned out of wooden logs from the forests. Near the body of one man police found a Basque beret—of the kind most people wear in the Basque country.

Bordeaux, Biarritz, and Saint Jean de Luz make up a region in which many people are proud to recall their historic association with the English, and boast of being as English as the English themselves. This area is one of the danger zones so far as the German army of occupation is concerned—far more dangerous than Paris.

### Soldier Scapegoats

Sixteen dead or seriously injured German guards may seem a small number, but it is considerable when you realise that the people have been ordered to give up all arms.

The Germans have clamped down new restrictions on the Basque country from their headquarters in Biarritz. They have tried to round up suspects. Unable to find the real assassins, they arrested 16 French soldiers just due to be demobilised and sent them to a concentration camp in Germany.

In each country, parish, village, or town where German guards have been attacked, an order has been posted up saying: "The inhabitants of this district are fined a sum of 20,000 francs and are forbidden to move outside their homes after five o'clock at night for three weeks. This order will be rescinded only if the murderer is produced."

Usually, too, the local mayor is put in prison.

The Germans calculate, and they are right, that the thing the French people most dread is being sent to concentration camps in Germany, for the French realise that there is little hope of ever returning.

According to what officers in charge of gendarmeries tell me, at least 500 Frenchmen have been rounded up in South-Western France alone and sent to concentration camps in the heart of Germany.

### "A Boche"

Nothing is ever heard of them. They are allowed to write no letters. Many of their relatives give them up for dead.

But all this does not cow the French. Their spirit is high—amazingly high considering the last year of catastrophe.

Let me emphasise that our people still call Germans "Les Boches," and that is significant. It is a healthy sign. It expresses more than anything else the attitude of the people now to the army of occupation.

If a German army official calls at a house to ask about billeting or to inquire about something somebody has said in a local cafe, the French servant goes in to her master and says, quite naturally and in tones quite audible to the man at the door, "There is a Boche to see you."

That happened while I was having an aperitif in the villa of a friend at Biarritz.

In the famous Bar Basque in St. Jean de Luz, 30 or 40 Germans stamped in the other day and called for drinks in a loud voice.

Soon they began shouting, singing, and making themselves generally objectionable. They got noisier and noisier until suddenly the 19-years-old son of the then Mayor of St. Jean de Luz jumped up, flung his arms in the air and shouted:

"These — Boches! I've had just about enough of them!"

French people in the bar began to applaud excitedly. Turning to the Germans the youth shouted:

"The sooner you clear right out of this bar the better." He added a familiar insult in tones so decided that the Germans, whether they spoke French or not, were under no illusions as to his meaning.

### "Six Months"

A man in plain clothes stepped up to him and said, "Come with

me." He produced papers proving that he was an agent of the Gestapo.

Later, at the headquarters of the Gestapo in the Grand Hotel, the German Security Police Chief said to the youth, "Did you say those words? Did you use the word 'Boches'?"

The boy answered that he did. The Gestapo Chief replied that his orders were not to punish the French unless they created disturbances. He added, "You created a disturbance and you will be an example to the others. You will be sent to a concentration camp in Germany for six months."

The mayor pleaded that his son was drunk. "Nonsense," said the German. "I saw him myself a few minutes after the incident. I know he was sober."

The mayor's son was led away to take a slow-moving train to Germany, there to face unknown horrors.

The only difference between this youth and other ordinary people of French provinces is that they think the same but try to keep their thoughts to themselves.

That they are putting those thoughts into action is shown by a recent order considerably increasing the number of soldiers patrolling strategic points throughout South-Western France.

Where formerly they would post one guard, they now have five or six. I should say that for every one German attacked in the Paris region, a dozen are attacked in this part of the country.

The Germans tried to reopen a powder factory and aircraft works near Bordeaux, but these had to close again a few weeks later because of a series of explosions, almost certainly caused by saboteurs, and because of fires in the aircraft workshops.

The Germans are having trouble with their own troops in Occupied France. They are finding it difficult to control their men during these long, boring weeks in districts where they are completely ignored by the inhabitants.

In the Biarritz region, one of the greatest tonics to the French is the extraordinary gloominess of the German troops. Their morale is not what you would expect from the men who crushed France in so short a time, and who have all the riches of France at their feet.

They sit and stand about in (Continued on Page 10.)



**CHINA MAIL**  
WINDSOR HOUSE

## RUSSIA—NEUTRAL BROKER?

The spectacle of continuing Russian-Nazi co-operation tends to produce concern wherever totalitarianism is feared or opposed. It tends also to screen the political friction which exists between those two States and which is exacerbated by Nazi pressure on Slav peoples in the Balkans. Negotiations over trade, such as those held recently, can be entered into at any time without raising political issues, yet they serve as an opportunity for each party to sound out the political attitudes of the other.

Had there been nothing of a commercial nature to discuss, the talks still might have taken place. But there evidently was something of a commercial nature that required examination.

Germany now needs more than it expected to need when the last commercial agreement was reached with the Soviets. Harvests in the Danubian area, Europe's principal granary, have been reduced by untoward weather and by diversion of man and mule power from the soil to wartime activities. The British blockade has exerted cumulative pressure on German economy, depriving it of key materials with which to make use even of many materials which Germany possesses.

One way in which Russia might enlarge its trade with Germany is suggested in reports of negotiations between the Soviet Union and the Argentine Government. The Argentine Minister of Agriculture is quoted as saying Argentina is ready to sell to anybody who wants to buy. Thus "neutral" Russia may attempt to play the part of a big neutral broker between the "new order" and the New World.

This possibility is already being dealt with, apparently, by British efforts to divert Argentine foodstuffs to Spain. It is not improbable that the United States can also play an effective part, in reducing supplies that might reach Germany through Russia.

IN the Atlantic theatre of war the Germans for the moment retain the initiative and are on the offensive; the British are still compelled to a defensive attitude for the most part.

Remembering the principle that there are only two ways to attack either a fortress or a country—assault or blockade—it is now clear that the Germans have, for the time being at least, given up the idea of assault and are concentrating on blockade to reduce British resistance. Assault involves actual penetration of the island of Great Britain, and the seizing and the holding of so many of its vital centres and interior communications as to compel its surrender.

Great Britain being an island and the British Navy being in command of the sea to an extent which the Germans cannot hope to overcome, it would always be necessary for the Germans to counterbalance this British sea command by sufficient air superiority of their own to permit the passage of German troops across the narrow waters of the Channel and their disembarkation on British shores. The German experiences in the Skagerrak with operations of this sort apparently gave them an exaggerated opinion of air power's potentialities in such operations; they did not sufficiently allow for the respective distances from bases which was in their favour in the Skagerrak, but is in Britain's favour now. Distance is indeed the most important single factor in assessing the ability of air power to perform a given task.

It must, therefore, be assumed that in default of a future gaining of air superiority by the Germans—which does not appear likely—any German invasion

attempt would be an indication of a degree of desperation in German inner councils rather beyond such surface indications as are now available.

As present, at any rate, the Germans are concentrating on blockade—or, we may say, counter-blockade—of the island of Great Britain. For this they have obtained admirable positions, far better than those they had in the last war, while Britain's position is far worse, since she lacks any point of support on the French coast or in Eire. The Germans have access to the open Atlantic

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both north of the British Isles (in Norway) and the south of them (in France).

They hold, indeed, the whole coast of Europe from North Cape to the Spanish frontier. Their access to the Atlantic from Norway is somewhat impeded by the British occupation of Iceland and the Faroes, but long nights and bad weather undoubtedly enable raiders and blockade runners to slip through. If this were all, however, the danger would not be so great. The real danger lies to the south, where French bases on the Channel and the Bay of Biscay are now nests for German submarines, closely supported by aircraft.

It is in this combination of submarine and aeroplane, in which the plane finds for the submarine prey and helps in attacking it, that the real danger lies. While shipping losses have not yet risen to the levels of the black months of 1917, they are sufficiently disquieting; and it is clear that no satisfactory answer to this combination has yet been evolved.

Certainly, whatever new devices, Britain is, at the moment, sadly short of both surface escort vessels and of long-range seaplanes and flying-boats; and she will need also additional merchant tonnage to make up for the losses. I should, however, venture the guess that the Admiralty would value above every other gain which they might be offered the right to use the bases of Eire in carrying out counter-measures.

The reason for this statement will be clear from a glance at a map. While the Germans hold the French coastline, the Channel is

not much use for ocean convoys; and the Channel ports will be under constant air attack. It will also be difficult to use the western approaches, so that for all practical purposes the supplies of Britain must be carried on by ships coming by way of the northern approaches, reaching from the north of Ireland, the ports of the Clyde, the Mersey, and the Bristol Channel; and other ports on the West Coast.

A convoy may occasionally slip through around the north of Scotland, but this is dangerous also, while German guns and mines at the Strait of Dover cut off access to the East Coast from that direction.

Save for coastal trade, the East Coast may be counted out for the time being. These conditions make the waters on the west of Scotland and the north of Ireland a happy hunting ground for German submarines and their aerial assistants, since this is the great focal area of traffic. The task of British ships and planes in dealing with them would be immensely simplified

if the northern and western Eire bases were available. Moreover, were Berehaven and Queenstown in British hands, it might be possible to give some protection to convoys coming through the western approaches, thus dividing the enemy's forces and increasing the mathematical chances of any particular convoy coming safely to port.

As for the German bombing attacks now being directed against British ports and industrial centres, it is to be noted that these are all part of a blockade programme—that is, an attack directed against communications.

The necessary concentration of British shipping activities at west coast ports permits the enemy likewise to concentrate his efforts. Even when these are directed at industrial areas such as Birmingham and Coventry, they are still part of the blockade scheme—the ultimate purpose of which is to prevent overseas supplies being translated into British war material.

It is, however, to be noted that for the most part German bombing attacks are taking place at night. In their day attacks their losses have proved to be prohibitive. Night attacks are much more difficult to stop by defensive means now available, though others may be presently perfected.

No form of attack has yet been devised by man against which a defence was not found in time. Moreover, night attacks necessarily reduce the accuracy of bombing, which reduces the chance of damage to individually important targets.

Meanwhile, Britain is effectively maintaining the grip of her own seablockade on Germany and German-conquered territory. In a military sense it is the relaxation of this blockade by capture or destruction of its bases in the island of Great Britain which is the principal German objective at the moment. That island also serves as a base for the British counter-offensive by air against German industries and military centres, which is having its effect upon the German war effort.

This counter-offensive has from the beginning been largely confined to night bombing, and has been handicapped by the greater average distance to German centres from British bases than from presently held German bases to British centres. However, if the British have no effective counter-agent to the night bomber, neither have the Germans; and the superior technique of the R.A.F. counts for much.

It may be suggested that the first belligerent to discover such a counter-agent will possess an enormous advantage in point of time. Time is indeed a factor of the greatest importance in this war. In the long run, if Britain can—as now seems probable—hold out through the winter, the spring will bring with it the beginning of a gradual change in Britain's favour as far as air power is concerned.

This is by reason of the fact that the vast industrial capacity of the United States, added to that of the Dominions, will begin to weight the scales in favour of Britain.

Germany neither has, nor can acquire, any distant armories such as these, out of reach of direct attack. If the products of those distant plants can but be assured of reaching the embattled British island, they should begin, as spring arrives, to increase British security against air attack, while increasing the power of her counter-offensive against Germany.

For the moment, then, the chief task of Britain is to keep her great island safe and secure and keep its communications with North America and the rest of the outer world open.

The chief task of Germany must be to reduce that base or isolate it before its offensive possibilities can be fully exploited to back up the effect of the British sea blockade.

Weighing all factors, favourable and unfavourable, a considered judgment, based on the best military information available in England, must conclude that while the chief danger is to the British sea communications, chances seem in favour of Britain in this immediate contest. Those chances would be enhanced almost to the point of certainty (if anything can be certain in war) by the acquisition of the Irish bases by Britain, or by a serious embroilment of Germany in an eastern or south-eastern theatre of war, or both.

The latter possibility is largely bound up with the progress of events in the Mediterranean area.

## Cards On The Table

In a recent article I expressed some scepticism about the idea broached by certain military experts that Hitler would seek to help Mussolini in his adversity, either by a drive through Bulgaria to the Turkish frontier or through Yugoslavia to Salonika. Goebbels had just rather pointedly announced that the thorough German always made the most careful preparations before delivering one of his smashing blows; and it seemed highly improbable that his chief would so far depart from this principle as to commit himself to an improvised expedition through difficult country, with possibly hostile populations, in the depths of winter. I suggested instead that he would seek to help his partner in a different way—by intensifying his bombing of British cities so as to prevent us from sending aircraft to the help of Greece, and by increasing his attacks on British shipping, so as to prevent us from sending warships to the Mediterranean.

Moreover, apart from the plight of Italy, a general speeding-up may well be a German necessity. If the oil situation is not immediately urgent, there is at least sufficient doubt whether German and still more, Italian supplies of petrol and lubricating oils would suffice to carry through the long war which we are prepared to fight. Again, to have something to show the German people, who have to stomach the disagreeable fact that, instead of ending in triumph last September, as they were led to expect, the war still has no end in sight, may also be for him highly desirable.

### The New Phase

The evidence now leaves little doubt that this is the new phase of the war decreed from Berlin. It has been compared with the dangerous emergency of April, 1917, but there are differences as well as similarities between the two occasions. The sinkings reported in recent weeks are by no means up to the level of 1917, and the problem they present is not the same as that which confronted us in that year. Then we were groping about for the means of countering the submarine, and in a serious uncertainty whether we should find it in time. Now we are in no doubt about the means, and our uncertainty, if any, is only about the sufficiency of them at our disposal to deal as forcibly and promptly with the danger as we should wish.

The other side of the comparison is equally important. In 1917 the U-boat could find its way into the Atlantic only through the bottle-neck of the Straits of Dover or round the north coast of

Scotland; now it has the French ports at its disposal, and can proceed straight from these into the Western seas. Then, as in the early months of this war, we had the French Fleet to help us in tracking down the enemy; now we have to do the whole business

### By J. A. Spender

single-handed, with the further handicap that the use of the Irish naval bases is denied to us.

It is, perhaps, surprising that we have not suffered more under these disabilities than we actually have in the last five months. I well remember the anxious anticipations in March, 1918, when we had to face the possibilities that the Channel ports would fall into German hands. They were far gloomier than the worst we have suffered in those months. Whatever befalls, we can keep a good heart over this business, and, with the assurance given in Parliament recently that it is under the Prime Minister's special supervision, resist all temptation to go hunting for scapegoats.

In these circumstances it seems to me that we owe it to our friends everywhere, but especially in the United States, to explain to them exactly the position in which we are placed. When Lord Lothian on returning to America opened up the question of credits for Britain, there were some in this country who shook their heads and blamed him for a supposed indiscretion in this delicate matter. That was not at all the view taken in America. There he was thanked for his frankness in "laying the cards on the table."

### Time For Frankness

But they were not quite all the cards, or, at least not those which we should most wish to catch American eyes at this moment. We are not seriously troubled about the questions of money and credit which may arise between us and the United States in the course of next year. We feel in our bones that the American people, with their generous sympathies for our cause and the conviction they have so often expressed that it is also their cause and bound up with their security, will find a way through Johnson Acts and Neutrality Acts, or any other formal obstacles, which would reduce these high matters to the level of cash and carry. But since they invite and welcome frankness, we need feel no hesitation in explaining to them that what we most need at this moment is the quick delivery of planes, ships, and all supplies which may help us to provide sufficient escorts and their equipment for our convoys; and so enable us to meet the German

speeding-up with a corresponding effort on our side. *Bis dat qui cito dat* is the motto for the hour.

Two things may be decided soon. First, whether the war is to be greatly prolonged and an even wider spread given to its destructiveness; and, second, whether we can spare enough from our own necessities to give the Greeks the aid we greatly desire to give them and which, given in time, may procure a decision in the war with Italy. There is a general consensus on both these matters in the United States.

### The Door Open

For the last three months the leaders of both the American parties have been telling their supporters that the British command of the Atlantic is almost as vital, if not quite as vital, an American interest as British; and both these parties have made the increase and speeding-up of aid to Britain a principal plank in their platforms. Nowhere than in the United States has there been a warmer or more generous sympathy with the Greeks in their heroic battle. We are not, therefore, forcing an entry into American politics but walking through an open door, if we seek at this moment to give precision and practical direction to these agreed conclusions.

In the last three months the British and American peoples have come as near as possible to realising President Wilson's ideal of "open diplomacy." A great and stimulating debate has gone forward on the platform and in the Press of both countries, and President Roosevelt has come to rank with our own Prime Minister as one of the great educators and leaders of world opinion. But we have both had to realise that there is a gap between the acceptance of general principles by leaders and the realisation by the mass of the people of the action which is needed to give effect to them. Frank speaking on that subject is a necessary part of the democratic method.

British and American relations are on a footing on which we hardly think of them as diplomacy. The Americans are not watching and weighing and trying distractedly to make up their minds whether we or the Germans are going to win—which is the groundwork of diplomacy in Europe to-day. They have wholeheartedly given their vote to Britain and pledged themselves to send her all possible aid short of war. In dealing with America we are saved from the obscurities and complexities which make it so difficult to understand the European situation at any given moment.



# EYE-WITNESS STORY OF RAID ON TRIPOLI

DETAILS OF THE Fleet Air Arm attack on the harbour of Tripoli are given in an eye-witness account by the Exchange Telegraph Company's special correspondent with the Mediterranean Fleet. He describes how, for the second time in a fortnight, the Fleet Air Arm struck heavily at a distant Italian base.

The attack was carried out in the early hours during a periodic routine sweep of the Eastern and Central Mediterranean. Quays, warehouses, and shipping were heavily "plastered," he states, and many fires caused. He writes:

By the dim light of the moon in its last quarter we watched toy balloons, with lights attached floating up from an aircraft-carrier to test the wind. Then the heavily laden bombers took off and vanished into the gloom. A period of watchful tension followed, since such moonlight as there was rendered us liable to a bombing or air-torpedo attack. Time passed slowly as all eyes trained towards the direction of the coast. Suddenly the skyline was lit by bursting anti-aircraft shells and by flares dropped by our 'planes. Then a big burst of flame shot up. It seemed as though a petrol dump had been set alight.

## All Back

Muffled up and sipping cocoa, we watched from the bridge in the gathering light and counted the aircraft as they circled preparatory to landing. Slowly the number mounted until the last came in, and the cry went up "All back safely." In a short time we were away on a different course.

Later we were told that the quay had been well plastered with medium and heavy bombs and at least one warehouse destroyed. In addition one ship was hit by three bombs. Fires were seen still burning when we were sixty miles away.

While Admiral Sir James Somerville's forces have been purging the Western Mediterranean, chasing and endeavouring to give battle to the Italian fleet, our Eastern forces have likewise been seeking an engagement, sweeping the whole of the Eastern and Central Mediterranean. Now, as we are about to enter harbour, it can be said that throughout the seven days we have just spent at sea we met with no opposition at all apart from a few seconds of bombing in Greek waters. During that time we escorted convoys in all directions in addition to enabling the Fleet Air Arm to carry out the bombing attack on Tripoli. All the time we were zigzagging and doubling on our tracks in order not to outrun the slow-moving convoys.

This is the second such period this month during which I personally have seen proof of how futile is the Italian boast of "mare nostrum." Inexorably Britain is showing herself the master of Italy in all three spheres in this Mediterranean struggle. Under water more than a score of her submarines have been sunk, in the air her shadowing 'planes have been knocked down and her fighter formations broken up and driven off, while on the sea her battle fleet is suffering further casualties and refuses to give battle. And all the time our own steady flow of men and material continues through this highway which Italy chooses to call her own.

## An Alarm

On this trip we slipped out of harbour one morning while the city was still asleep, and later, with land far out of sight, I stood on the bridge of one of the famous victors of actions in the Mediterranean. Looking down, I could see our paravanes cutting through the water on either side like white-bellied sharks.

Suddenly, approaching aircraft were reported and the ships immediately broke into loose formation. All eyes focussed on one portion of the sky. But no attack materialised and we resumed normal formation. The remainder of the morning passed without incident apart from a distant glimpse of two aircraft.

Dusk brought further excitement when one of our warships claimed to have sighted a sub-

marine on the surface and suddenly opened fire on it. From our position the shells, showing up against the darkening clouds like tracer bullets, could be clearly seen, while fountains of water thrown up as they exploded were silhouetted against the orange sunset. So night fell and, blacked out and battened down ready for any action, we continued through the darkness.

The following morning we were in Greek waters, and I had my first glimpse of Suda Bay, with its white-washed houses nestling at the foot of slopes covered with olive trees and mist shrouding the mountains in the background. British Army lorries could be seen winding their way across the hills, while a gigantic Red Cross painted on its roof rendered a large hospital unmistakable.

The peace of this tranquil scene was suddenly shattered as we were about to depart by the explosion of four bombs dropped near us from a tremendous height. All fell into the sea without causing damage, and the raider quickly made off in the clouds. Throughout the afternoon and evening we proceeded on the alert for further bombings, but none came.

The third morning brought a further flutter of excitement with the sighting of apparently hostile aircraft, but we continued without incident until we noticed a destroyer ahead firing on a floating, khaki-coloured mine. We passed close enough to see its evil-looking horns as it tossed about in the waves with bullets from the circling destroyer kicking up the water all around. A few minutes later another mine on the port side was similarly dealt with by destroyers.

That afternoon our anti-aircraft guns were in action for the first time when a Cant "shadower" aircraft was sighted and driven off. Around tea-time came the news that the aircraft-carrier would carry out a bombing attack on the naval base of Tripoli early the following morning and that certain forces, including ourselves, would "cover" the action. With nightfall we put on speed in the direction of Tripoli. Zero hour seemed to approach slowly as we took up positions for the 'planes to take off for the bombardment.

## "No Fun"

With this operation successfully accomplished, the fourth day found us rejoining our other units. Throughout the day we awaited Italian revenge for the bombing of Tripoli as we cruised up and down the Central Mediterranean carrying out certain operations before we could turn for home. But we were not menaced by anything more alarming than heavy black clouds which quickly turned the blue Mediterranean into a bleak North Sea with a deluge of rain.

Well into the fifth day, when more than twenty-four hours had passed entirely without incident, the captain remarked, "We would even welcome a Cant to shoot at in order to break the monotony," while a few minutes previously a disconsolate bearded sailor remarked to me "You must be a Jonah, sir. We haven't had any fun since you have been aboard."

Then came the news that the enemy fleet was out. Faces brightened as we waited to hear the locality, but news was scarce owing to the necessity of keeping the wireless silent. We heard that Admiral Sir James Somerville's forces had made contact at long range, but that the enemy had

## CAMOUFLAGED CEMETERY BEAT THE CENSOR

"Oh, for a good soft bed in Pine Crest," writes an Ottawa soldier held prisoner by the Nazis after—as probably ordered—praising treatment and food.

What the prison camp censor would not know is that Pine Crest is one of the best known cemeteries in the Canadian capital.

## HOUNDS AND GUIDES HUNT NAZI

Police with blood-hounds, mountain guides and shepherds are hunting over an area of 300 square miles for a young German airman who gained a name at the prison camp from which he escaped for his impeccable manners and his well-groomed appearance.

Now, after four days of freedom, it is expected that the spruce young officer is like a wild man of the woods, for the police believe he is hiding in the woods and living on berries and anything else he can find among the trees.

Franz von Werra, who is twenty-six, was a frequent visitor to the north-west in the days before the war, and it is in this area that the police are concentrating their search.

They believe that Von Werra's knowledge of the district may have taken him into little-frequented places where only blood-hounds or experienced mountain guides will be able to find him.

altered course and was making for home. We cursed our luck that it had not happened the previous day, for we were now too far from the scene of action to join in the chase. There was nothing for it but to carry on with our job, while an escorting destroyer viciously proceeded to pour round after round into another floating mine. We had to rest content with what news of the action we learned from the London wireless bulletin.

After sighting the island of Crete on the sixth morning at sea we passed without incident through a notorious stretch of water known as "Bomb Alley," which until recently was an unfailing source of attention by Italian bombers from the Dodecanese.

We have two cinema projectors aboard, and as we sailed down "Bomb Alley" the men were entertained in the "Plaza Cinema" on the covered deck with Walt Disney's "Ferdinand the Bull," "Pinocchio," and other films while the ship's tabby cat, Horace, slept peacefully in his own miniature hammock slung between table legs.

The seventh day also passed entirely uneventfully, and in two or three hours we shall again be in harbour, having covered some two thousand miles without so much as being splashed by an Italian bomb.



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# ACES TOAST THE MAN WHO MADE THEM ACES

(By A Special Correspondent)

"THE TOAST IS—'The station!'" We are standing in No. 1 ante-room of the officers' mess at the first R.A.F. station to notch 600 'planes against the enemy—one-fifth of the total shot down round Britain since the war started.

The three squadron commanders, each wearing the ribbon of the D.F.C., raise their glasses, and some one says:—"Coupled with the name of the Station Commander. He's leaving us this afternoon."

"Here's to you, sir." The fifth in our group, tall, aquiline-featured, and wearing ribbons of the last war—shuffles with his long, spindly legs, and points his glass at the three younger men before him.

## "A Great Bunch"

"Worst squadron I ever knew," he jerks out. "Couldn't get them into the air. Lazy lot of devils."

And in the same breath he says quietly to me: "Never had a greater bunch of fellows. How these chaps chase Jerry!"

I watch this lean, broad-shouldered group captain take leave of the rest of his men like the father of a boy who scores a century on Founder's Day, pride adding to his embarrassment.

He covers it by rating them, brusquely, good-naturedly. Yet every man in the room reads in his sharp, tired eyes—tired by watching the skies for his boys to come back—a look of unwillingness to go.

An hour later I was to see his final take-off. Six tough-fibred fighter pilots had him shoulder high and marched through the mess. Two were in danger of losing the hair from their scalps.

So went the man who dug a great barbed thorn into Hitler's side, who helped the crack fighter squadrons to bring down 600 'planes and make history in World No. 2.

For a job like that, had he been a naval man, his name would rank with the Harwoods and the Raleighs; or, in the army, with the Moores and the Allenbys.

But the group captain leaves his beloved station as he came. To the public he will be known as the anonymous R.A.F. officer who commanded the "600 Station."

I stroll across to the squadron which got the 600th enemy 'plane. It is quartered in a mud-surrounded wooden hut, and the pilots are wearing their flying kit ready for the "scramble."

## The Rusty Stove

There are two lines of blanket-covered beds, and a rusty chimney stove stands in the middle of the room like a homely sentry.

Two of the boys—an Englishman and a six-foot Pole—are playing cards. The game is cravat, which looks like a double game of patience.

Two New Zealanders are lying on beds. Their half-closed eyes squint at me, and close again.

An Englishman is reading a book. It is a thriller, and bears the label of a twopenny library.

On the squadron commander's bed is a black Nazi machine-gun, and beside it is Pete, a spotted mongrel dog with more intelligence, say the fighter pilots, than 50,000 Germans.

Resting on their beds are Pilot Officer Harbourne Mackay Stephen (his score is nineteen plus, plus being an enemy 'plane he helped to destroy), and Flight Lieutenant John Henry Park (eleven plus)—the men who shared the station kitty by getting that 600th 'plane.

Stephen is twenty-six and clean-shaven. He is as spruce as when he caught the 9.30 train to his City office in the days of peace.

## Together At Dunkirk

Twenty-two-year-old "Mungo" Park is taller, and slim.

These men are inseparable. They have fought together since the days of Dunkirk.

Stephen says: "We both lead flights now, but in a scrap I can

always find 'Mungo,' and we usually get together."

Stephen and "Mungo" Park believe in scrapping in twos—one comes in if a Hun gets on the tail of the other.

They are quiet-speaking, matter-of-fact young men, and when I mention "ace" they say there are no heroes in these parts.

Then I meet the boss of the squadron, a thirty-year-old South African squadron leader, described to me as "a cold, calculating killer."

This man has shot down nineteen 'planes (plus as well), and his squadron has got 120. He has the same look as "Mungo" Park and Stephen—eyes that are cold and clear and far-seeing.

They seem to assess and weigh up everything they hit on.

He sits on the bed and offers me the last cup of coffee. The cup is thick and cheap and the coffee is poured from a battered enamel jug. But it is good coffee.

He is good-looking in a tough way, and his thick woollen polo jumper adds to the thickness of his chest.

He says: "It's a devil about these night bombers. Seems the only way Jerry can get at us now."

"There's an answer to everything in warfare. There will be an answer to this. But it's tough for the people. With we could do something about it."

I find it strange that a man who is waiting from dawn to dusk to go up and kill or be killed should think of other problems.

But he and his boys have grown to look upon their job of streaking across the sky in Spitfires almost as an ordinary man thinks of digging his garden.

I ask him how it feels at the moment he is about to make his kill. He says: "We don't have much time to think. A scrap lasts at the outside, two minutes."

"When you are up there you are in another world."

"You see England and bits of France stretching down below. You hear a roar and you know some one's gone down, or there are fireworks about."

"Knocking down the Hun is a foxy business. You've got to use your cloud and your sun, and make it a real job of work. You've got to let 'em go sometimes, and get 'em the next day."

## Huns Run Home

"The Hun won't always face a fight. He swoops down from a height, gives you a burst, and puts his nose down hard for home."

"He goes for the stragglers. He won't join in a dog-fight."

"We reckon that for each sortie we make each man should bring down four 'planes. That's our target. We don't do it, of course, but it's no use going for only one man and then coming home."

"Nor is it any use firing all your ammunition at one Jerry."

"In the last five weeks we have pushed them back about thirty miles. They used to come all over Kent. Now they stop, and are stopped, over the coast."

"Their tactics now seem daft to us. Their Me 109's scamper over with a few light bombs and drop 'em anywhere—most times in the fields."

"Their fighters make their way across flying as high as they can, like lost sheep. We would leave them alone for all the damage they do. But if we did the artful devils might try to come down to machine-gun the ground."

## Jerry Has Tail Down

He says his boys are not nearly so hard-pushed now.

"Jerry had his tail up once,"

# CRYPT SONGS GO ON

As St. Martin's Is  
Hit By Bomb

Six hundred people were singing "Annie Laurie" in the crypt of St. Martin in the Fields when a bomb fell and damaged what is London's most famous church in a recent raid.

The whole place shook. Clouds of dust filled the crypt, but there was no panic.

After barely three seconds' pause the pianist continued playing, and the song went on with perhaps a shade more volume.

A prayer of thankfulness for their escape was said, and soon afterwards everyone was asleep.

The bomb tore a hole in the church pavement, crashing through the railings on the south side. It blew in or damaged all the windows on that side, pitted the church wall, and wrecked an office next to the crypt. No one was hurt, but a woman at a bus stop outside was killed.

## Door Pushed In

The stained-glass figure of Christ in the great window above the altar was decapitated, and daylight now shows through the raiment of the praying Apostles. But there was little other damage.

Below ground the door of the crypt verger's room was pushed off its hinges by falling bricks from the wrecked office.

But the records of 10,000 needy men and women who had been given assistance were left intact.

## Strong Pillars

The Rev. G. L. Davey, curate-in-charge, said to a reporter: "The building has stood the shock amazingly well. We shall get the experts to see whether the structure has been damaged at all."

"On the face of it, it seems that it has not. Those massive pillars in the vaults will stand a very great deal. A modern building struck in the same way would probably have tumbled down."

St. Martin's is 260 years old.

It was revealed that the Royal College of Surgeons in Lincoln's Inn and the Swedish Church at Rotherhithe have also been damaged in recent raids.

Among other buildings bombed are Coventry Cathedral and St. Mary's Hall, Coventry.

Incendiary bombs fell on Birmingham Cathedral in a recent raid and the roof was almost stripped by fire. The fire service saved the interior and the main structure. The famous Burne-Jones windows had been removed to safe storage.

# A.R.P. MEN ON LOOTING CHARGE

Three A.R.P. workers were at Old Street remanded on bail for a week on a charge of being concerned in stealing a box containing 100 tins of sardines from premises damaged by war operations.

They were described as James Lockhart (53), of Whiston Road, Shoreditch; William Maurice Amner (40), of Boston Street, Hackney Road; and Albert Victor James Steward (31), of Lowther House, Lee Street, E.

he says. "Now he's got it well down. We don't think he has a chance of putting it up again."

We talk about his boys. He says fighting is all team work.

It's a good idea, he says, that we don't have ballyhooed aces now. All we want is to ground the Jerry, and that can't be done by undividualists.

As we talk the radio gives the background. The programme is for schools. It is a singing lesson. Children chant scales again and again and again.

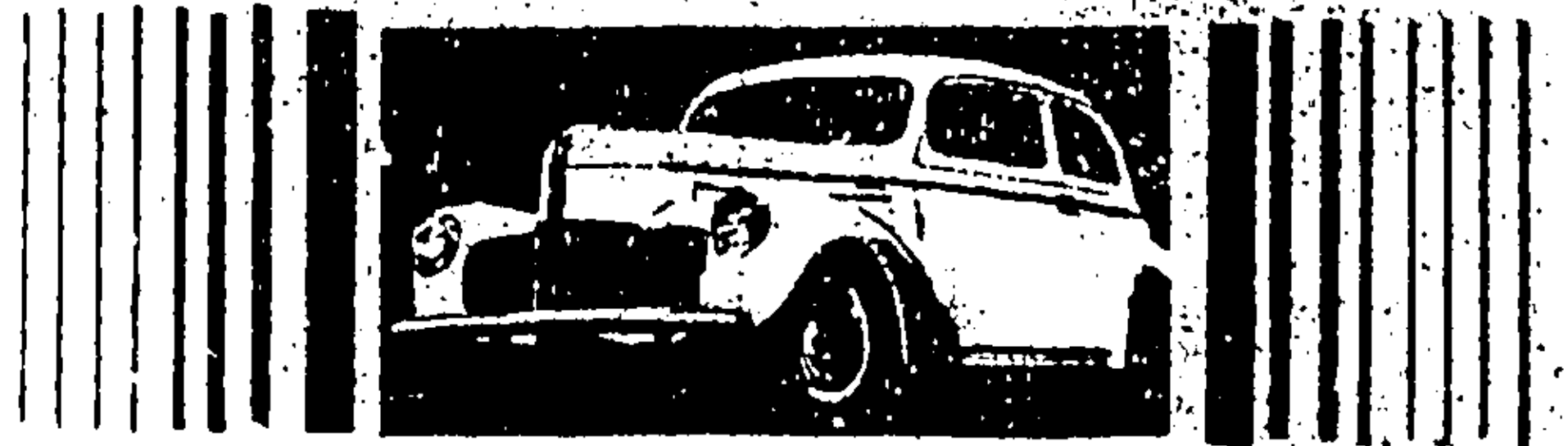
Now one troubles to switch it off. The boys go on playing cards, or reading, or snoozing or waiting for the call.

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The programme fixed for 15th February will be run off on MONDAY, 17th February, and the subsequent days' programmes in consecutive order.

On Monday, 17th, Tuesday, 18th, Wednesday, 19th, and Saturday, 22nd February, the first bell will be rung at 11.00 a.m., and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On Saturday, 1st March, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

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By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 9th February, 1941.

## THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED

### Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on FRIDAY, the 28th February, 1941, at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 19th February, 1941, to Friday, the 28th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS,

Secretary & Manager.

Hong Kong, 12th Feb., 1941.

## BRIDGE NOTES

### THE RIGHT TRUMP SUIT

#### By The Four Aces

When the partnership hands contain two eight-card suits, they should usually prefer a 4-4 suit to a 5-3 suit. To-day's hand illustrates the point:

South, Dealer  
Neither side vulnerable.

♠ 8 6 5 3  
♥ K J 6  
♦ K 6 2  
♣ Q 8 5

♠ Q 10 2  
♥ 7 3  
♦ Q J 10 4  
♣ K 9 7 4

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♠ J 4  
♥ 9 6 2  
♦ 9 8 6 3  
♣ J 8 3 2

♠ A K 9 7  
♥ A Q 10 8 4  
♦ A 7  
♣ A 10

The bidding:

| South | West | North | East |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1♥    | Pass | 2♥    | Pass |
| 2♠    | Pass | 3♠    | Pass |
| 6♠    | Pass | Pass  | Pass |

South has to bid the hand with a little spirit since his cards were almost good enough for an opening two-bid. But note that if he bids the Slam in spades, the 4-4 suit, he makes it without much trouble; but if he bids the Slam in hearts, the 5-3 suit, he is doomed to defeat.

Against six spades, West's most probable lead is the Queen of diamonds. South wins and lays down the Ace and King of trumps. Then he begins the hearts. West may ruff with the Queen of spades whenever he likes, but he cannot prevent South from discarding two clubs from dummy on the long hearts. Later on, South can ruff the ten of clubs with one of dummy's low spades.

Not so at six hearts. South can win the opening diamond lead and run his hearts if he likes; but discarding clubs from the dummy does him no good in this case, for dummy will not be able to ruff a club. Against correct defence South must lose a spade and a club, thus failing to make the Small Slam.

South foresaw some such possibility and therefore mentioned the spades after North's first response assured him of heart support. North's spade raise showed four-card spade support, and South properly chose spades as the trump suit for his Small Slam.

\* \* \*

Yesterday you were Merwin Mauer's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held.

♠ J 10 6  
♥ Q J 7  
♦ A 4  
♣ A

The bidding:

| You  | Jacoby | Mauer | Schenken |
|------|--------|-------|----------|
| Pass | Pass   | 1♥    | Pass     |
| (7)  |        |       |          |

ANSWER: Bid two spades. You have a fine fit for hearts and can guarantee a game if your partner has a sound opening bid. This jump shows strength of your hand despite your original pass.

Score 100% for two spades; 60% for four hearts; 50% for three hearts.

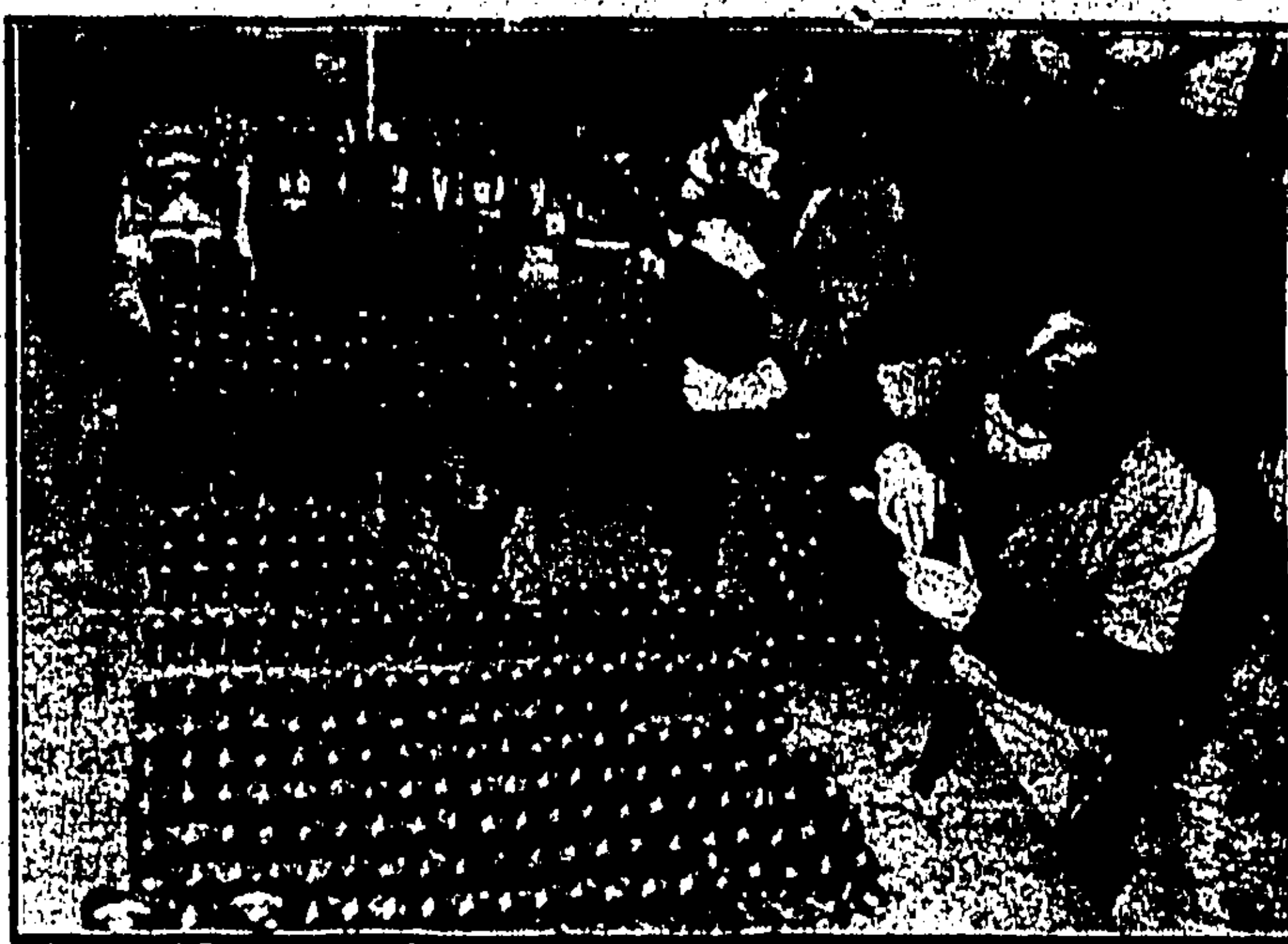
## Question No. 642

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and you hold the above hand, but the bidding goes:

| You  | Mauer | Jacoby | Schenken |
|------|-------|--------|----------|
| Pass | Pass  | 1♥     | 2♣       |
| (7)  |       |        |          |

What do you bid? (Answer: To-morrow.)

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There are over fifty parts in a binocular body, not counting the complicated lenses, of which there are fourteen sections in a pair of prismatic binoculars. This part of the work is done by girls, but many of the processes demand skilled craftsmanship. The Navy, the Army and the Air Force urgently need binoculars. They take a long time to make and the craftsman's skill is needed in other directions. Owners have been asked, therefore, to sell any private pair they may have to the Government. (Copyright, Fox).

# INVISIBLE MEN MURDER NAZI GUARDS

(Continued from Page 6.)

groups, looking bored and weary. You will hear from the French—and from some of the Germans—plenty of stores of extreme brutality exercised by German officers to their men by way of disciplining them.

There are reports of batches of German troops being forced to stand in the roadway and do physical jerks until they are on the verge of collapse, and even of officers who fire at their men in fits of temper.

Suicides are frequent among both officers and men of the German Army in this part of France.

A German colonel staying at the Hotel Miramar in Biarritz, on the sea front, shot himself a few days ago immediately after returning from leave in Germany.

French gendarmes on duty in the road outside rushed into the hotel and found him dying on a balcony which overlooks the Atlantic. He gasped out that he had shot himself because, when he returned to Germany he found that his wife was killed when an R.A.F. bomb struck his house. One of his children was also killed and another injured.

The facts of this case were given to me first hand by a German.

All the leading hotels and the two casinos in Biarritz have been requisitioned by the Germans as military headquarters, or as offices for controlling the movement of French citizens and aliens. Ordinary German troops are billeted on private residents in the town and its suburbs.

These men come in waves. None stays much more than a fortnight. The first lot were show troops, mostly six-footers, well-trained and polite. The second and third lot were not so good. The present wave are very poor specimens. They look undernourished, miserable, and are mostly very small.

They seem to arrive hungry and spend their free time mooching about the streets carrying bags of fruit, mostly apples, which they eat and eat. They pile into the pastry shops, which are still allowed to open on three days a week.

You can still get those delicious Biarritz cakes, and occasionally cups of Biarritz chocolate—most of which go down German throats.

When the novelty of having a comparatively big supply of food wears off the men get a strange reaction—a sort of depressed, far-from-home attitude.

The greatest sources of news these days in France—the newspapers tell you nothing—are people who have German troops billeted in their houses.

## "Fed Up"

Most Germans, when they have had half a carafe of Bordeaux wine—there is still a plentiful supply of it though much has been sent to Germany—get talkative. They say quite candidly that they are fed up with the war. A

lot of them fought in Spain, took part in the entry into Czechoslovakia, and fought in Poland, Holland, Belgium, and France.

Surprisingly large numbers have had no long leave and have not seen their families for years. Those who have been on leave tell sombre stories about Germany. "I spent my leave in Berlin," one German private told a French family where he was staying. "I could not sleep because of bombs. Yet I met people who had come into Berlin from different parts of Germany, where, they said, things were much worse. They came to Berlin to get sleep."

Stories like this flash around among the French people in no time. It is amazing how well-informed everyone is, despite the iron censorship and the way the Germans try to blur out the London radio.

If anything, the people in Biarritz are better informed than the Parisians. They seem to listen in much more, and restrictions about listening are not so firmly enforced.

Everyone in Biarritz heard Churchill's speech in French clearly, and agreed with every word of it. It did a lot of good. Our people here know all about the Royal Air Force. If your airman hit a French factory or a French oil depot the French people rub their hands with glee and say, "That's another coup against the Boches!"

## One Hope

It is no exaggeration to say that "Le Rari," as the French call the R.A.F., is the one brightly burning light of hope in the Frenchman's mind.

Much has been made by people who don't understand the French temperament of the effect of British action, against the French Fleet at Oran.

I can say quite definitely, having put myself out to study the reactions of the ordinary French people, that it did the English cause among our people, especially in occupied France, scarcely any harm at all.

One individual in Biarritz took down the English version of that story from the radio and passed it on to others. This sort of home-to-home news service functions all the time.

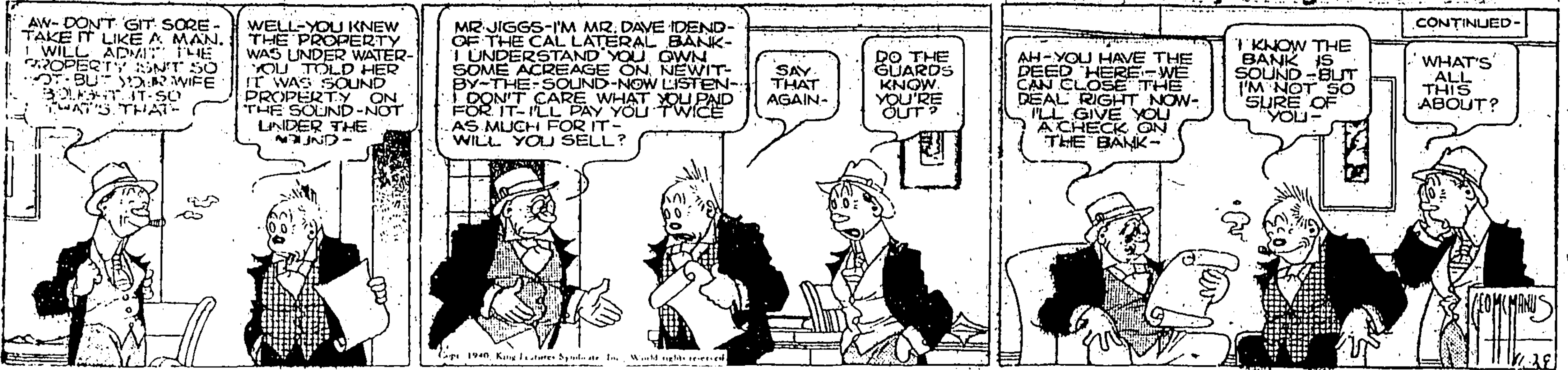
This devotion to Britain, and faith in an ultimate British victory are especially noticeable among the French middle and lower classes.

Here is another significant point: For the first two months of their occupation of France, all the Germans roared about in cars or on motor-cycles. That has been stopped to a great extent now. An order has been given, to buy up or requisition as many bicycles as possible for the army in France, Belgium, and Holland to save petrol.

The underground news service, based on statements made by Germans coming back from Germany on leave, say this is because of damage British bombs are doing to oil refineries there.



Bringing Up Father



# A PAGE FOR WOMEN Bring Roses To The Cheeks

Too many young girls, especially rely on a rouge pot to get colour in their cheeks. Lovely natural colour should be in the cheeks from an abundance of good health which supplies the body with rich, red blood.

Iron, from foods, is a very essential mineral and it might be a good idea if you checked over your daily eating habits to determine if you consume sufficient iron to help supply you with energy and keep your blood adequately stocked with hemoglobin.

To quote a nutritionist hemoglobin is simply described thusly: "Woven into the cells of the body is the red part of the blood—the hemoglobin which gives your cheeks their colour and your body energy and life itself. It is this hemoglobin which picks up the oxygen from the air you breathe and disposes of the waste carbon dioxide. When there is an insufficient amount of iron in the blood, the hemoglobin becomes pale and inactive, and the blood itself is said to be 'anemic.' Gone are the roses from the cheeks, the energy and zest for living—the person becomes pallid, sickly, listless, a prey to infections."

## Memorise Your Iron Foods

If you want to be a beauty, and of course you do, you should learn which foods are high in iron. Each day eat of one or two iron foods.

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|----------------------------|-------------|
| Watercress—one of the best | Dried figs  |
| Dandelion greens           | Prunes      |
| Raisins                    | Peas        |
| Spinach                    | Lentils     |
| Calve's liver              | Berries     |
| Red and white              | Ripe Olives |
|                            | Beets       |



Good health creates a beauty which is irresistible. This young girl's vitality makes it possible for her to be a successful model. Who could resist that ravishing smile and those bright eyes?

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|---------|----------------------|
| cabbage | Lettuce—½ head a day |
| Carrots |                      |
| Onions  |                      |

Also bear in mind when buying or ordering vegetables that the dark green vegetables are the most

excellent source of vegetable iron—such as spinach, parsley, watercress, beet greens. In fact the fresh juices of spinach, parsley and watercress make the most beneficial skin tonics for pale people.

## Let Sunshine Help

The sun is so vital to your good health that it might be said little good is drawn from the food you eat unless the valuable rays of the sun is allowed to penetrate your skin and help the millions of little important cells do their gigantic job of keeping you healthy. You should get into the sunshine every day winter and summer when the sun shines. You can live without so much sunshine it is true, but you will be a more ravishing beauty and a more healthy woman if you will let the sun help you!



A lot of men think their Christmas ties are more hilarious than a holiday party.

# WATCH That BLACK-OUT By MARY ROSE



BLACK-OUTS have to be one hundred per cent. efficient.

There are various methods of making the windows light-proof. The general method seems to be curtains, but these must be absolutely perfect. The material used should be guaranteed.

There is a certain kind of suede velour which needs no lining, but as a rule, a fairly thick material is lined with a recognised A.R.P. lining like thick bolton sheeting.

For bathroom and kitchen a rubberised fabric will give good service. This needs no lining, and

some of it is made with a light facing.

When doors open straight out some kind of screen must be fitted to prevent the rays from shining on the ground. A screen, a wooden partition or a thick portiere are practicable.

Curtains should be full. They must hang well over the frame. If there are metal fittings, a wooden board or cardboard covered with black paper should be fitted at the top of the metal rail, so the shafts of light do not show at the top.

See that curtains which meet at the middle are fitted on double rails or, failing that, they should have a good overlap which can be press-studded together. If curtains are tacked to the wooden frames at the sides there is no fear that careless pulling will leave a chink. Should you have single pull-right-across-the-window black-out curtains, best plan is to have them firmly tacked to the wooden frame at one side, and at nighttime tuck the other side temporarily with drawing pins. It's a good plan to keep plenty of drawing pins handy.

Another way is to paste a thick strip of black paper at the sides and at the top of windows. This does well when windows are large, but rather takes away from available light during the daytime in the case of small windows.

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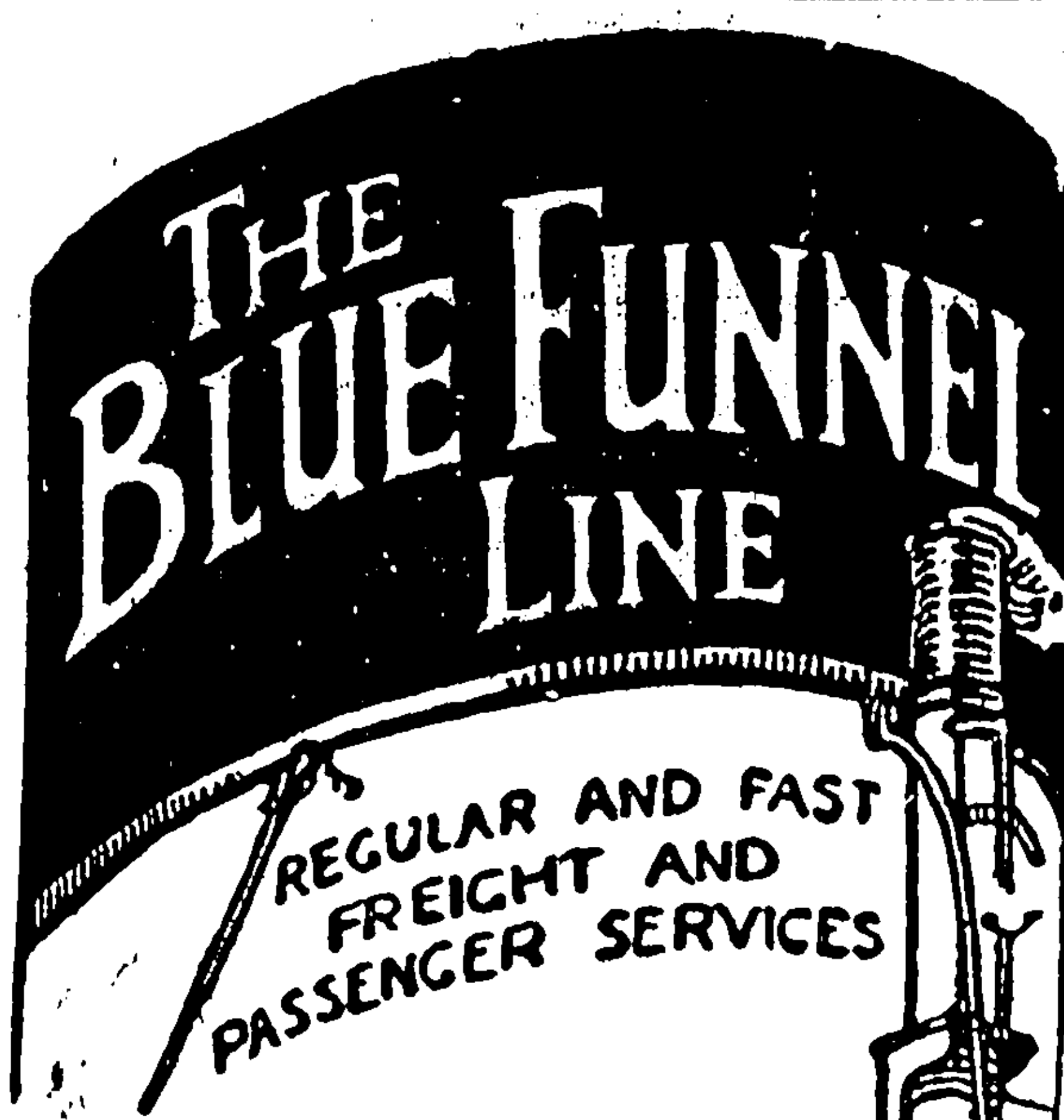
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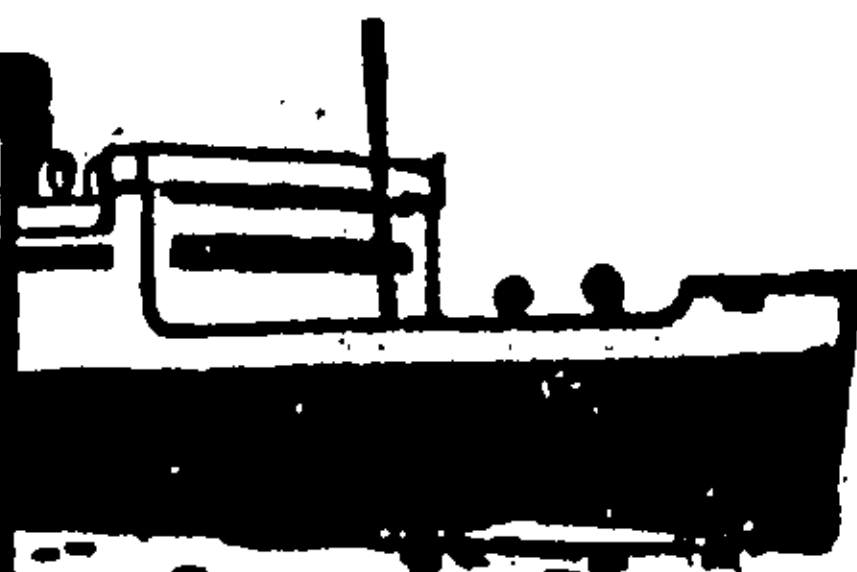
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Canton ..... 7.00 p.m.

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1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.  
1.03 p.m.—Luigini—Ballet Egyptian.

1.15 p.m.—Popular Ballads.  
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Film Selections.  
2.15 p.m.—Close down.  
2.45 p.m.—Indian Programme

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.  
6.32 p.m.—Compositions of Weber.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Britain Speaks".

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.  
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Schubert—Ronde in A-Major.  
8.17 p.m.—Alfred Cortot playing "Two Chopin Ballades."

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9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.  
9.30 p.m.—Variety with Frances Day, William McCulloch and The Hill Billies.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: "Scots Abroad".  
10.15 p.m.—Dance Music.  
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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## THEY CALL HIM THE SAINT...

(By A LONDON CORRESPONDENT)

DOWN IN THE EAST END they call him the Saint. Men raise their hats to this tall and thin figure striding through the streets like a friendly hurricane, his monk's gown blown out behind him, and an old and tattered raincoat on his shoulders.

From Whitehall went high officials, headed by bulky Robert Boothby, Under-Secretary of State to the Ministry of Food, to pay tribute to this man whose work in the civilian front line has inspired the people of the East End.

Here is the story of the Saint, otherwise Father John Groser, as I heard it from the people among whom he works.

Their faith in him is touching. They told me with tears in their eyes that hardly has the sound of a falling bomb passed into the sky than Father Groser is on his way to the scene.

If there are trapped men and women to be rescued, his scrawny frame is to be seen among the debris, his strong arms tearing at stones and wood, while his voice cheers trapped and rescuers alike.

### They Wait For Him

Said one man: "It never seems to matter where the bomb falls, our Saint gets there with the first of the rescuers."

"You feel he is waiting round the corner for it to fall."

But Father Groser is a practical Saint, and the poor who spend their nights in the air raid shelters wait impatiently for his coming.

In the early days of the bombing he was shocked by the fact that so many of the poor went to the shelters hungry and left even more hungry.

His church had little money, and he had less. He begged, he implored, he cajoled, striking at officials and private bodies alike until mobile canteens to suit his needs were secured.

Now every evening with a band of willing helpers he takes his canteens from shelter to shelter, giving food and drink.

### Feeds Them All

Tea is a penny a cup, sandwiches a penny each, if you have the money. If you haven't—well, Father Groser says: "Help yourself. I'll get the money somehow."

He feeds them all—Christians, Jews, Chinese, Moslems—without thought of creed or race.

He is there when they go to the shelter and there when they come out to give them his blessing for their souls and his food for their bodies.

He found an empty church hall, and in the night the homeless who have left the ruins of stone and mortar trek there. He feeds them, clothes them, shelters them until the local authorities can take charge.

Next to his church stood one built by people of a different creed. A bomb wrecked it. To its minister went Father Groser, saying: "Take my church. We'll make one do for both."

That is the story of Father Groser. Do you wonder that they call him the Saint?

## HE WENT TO WAR AT 13

Thirteen-year-old Anastasius Charlabopoulos, decorated front-line soldier of Greece, is in Athens on leave.

When Charlabopoulos, senior, was called to the front recently, young Anastasius decided the family would be insufficiently represented in the battle against the Italians.

So he hid himself in blankets going to the front line in a lorry. He was detected at Koritza.

The authorities managed eventually to persuade Anastasius to return to his family.

But they awarded him an honorary corporal's stripe and gave him the privilege of wearing a medal for his exploits.

Anastasius, interviewed with his three brothers at home, said firmly: "I intend to remain here for a holiday and return to the fighting line early next month."

## CHILDREN GUNNED

A Nazi bomber dived from low clouds over a south-east England village and bombed and machine-gunned children as they were leaving school.

It was an indefensible outrage, but only one man, a cyclist, was slightly wounded.

The attack was made on the play-ground as the children were dispersing and on a country lane along which some scholars and their mothers were dotted.

Bullets spattered along the road as the women and children were called back to school by teachers or took shelter under trees and in ditches.

The bombs fell wide and did little damage.

Barbara Carr, an apparently unruffled 14-year-old schoolgirl, said "I was just crossing the play-ground with a friend when we heard the plane zoom from the clouds. A moment later we heard the rat-tat-tat of machine-gun fire. Bullets hit the ground very near us."

Eye-witnesses were convinced that the machine-gunning of the children was deliberate.

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## DAISY, THE WHITE SWEEP

Daisy Elliott has just completed forty years as chimney sweep of Shamley Green Surrey.

He is the neatest sweep for miles around, and never soils the white "dickie" which he always wears. Though everyone calls him Daisy, nobody knows why.

His real name is Albert and he is in his seventy-first year. He wife always calls him Bert.

It is her pride to keep up her husband's reputation as a "white sweep," and she washes his white "dickies" to perfection.

Daisy remembers the days when sweeps were very black, so black that they never bothered to wash.

"The blackest sweep I ever saw," he says, "was called John Thomas. He used to climb inside the chimneys, so it wasn't any use for him to wash."

On Sundays Daisy functions in his back garden as the village barber, specialising in a nice haircut for twopenny or threepence according to the size of the job.

Only once in forty years has any rival chimney-sweep tried to set up shop in Shamley Green.

He lasted three days.



Lt. General Sir Ronald Adam, G.O.C.-in-C. Northern Command, inspecting home guards in his Command. (Copyright, Fox).

## A CREW'S FIRST RAID

So thorough is the training of our bomber crews that they can go into action for the first time with the complete confidence that they are technically ready for any task.

There was an example of a successful first encounter with the enemy recently.

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## MOTHER SEEKS A DEAD HERO'S PHOTO GIRL

WHENEVER AIRCRAFTMAN W. J. Davidson flew into battle, he carried with him the photograph of a beautiful girl, clad in a brief playsuit and bronzed with the sun of the West Indian island of Bequia.

A few months ago the young airman died heroically fighting the Italians in East Africa. Now it is the dearest wish of his mother to trace the girl who she believes was her son's sweetheart, but whom she has not seen.

## BOMBER VERSUS FIGHTER

During a recent encounter with a Messerschmidt 110 the sergeant pilot of a British bomber had to evade the enemy without knowing from which direction the attack was being made. The bomber had done its work, but while it was over its target anti-aircraft fire had wrecked the intercommunication system.

Normally the rear-gunner or the wireless operator can at once let the pilot know exactly what is going on, but now, as the pilot said:

"We were like four dumb men. It was only the smell of cordite from the rear guns, just as we were getting near the Zuider Zee, which made me realise that we were in any danger. There was cloud right below us, but it was six thousand feet away, and I had to make a long dive for it with the Messerschmidt spitting at us almost the whole way. The navigator was in much the same position as I was; he didn't realise we were being attacked until a couple of cannon shells hit the port engine. As it happened they did very little harm.

"Other shells made several holes in the wings, and we had begun to look a bit like a colander when the Messerschmidt stopped using its cannon and began to let fly at us with its machine-guns. The bomber was hit several times, and our rear-gunner was unfortunately wounded in the foot; the wireless operator had a very narrow escape when a bullet smashed the air bottle which inflates his Mae West jacket; he himself wasn't hurt at all.

"The two rear gunners got rid of several thousand rounds of ammunition; things were extremely difficult for them and, as they told me afterwards, they saw the Messerschmidt rising and falling right in line with the tailplane, during the whole of the fight.

"I don't know whether they hit the Messerschmidt at all — if they didn't it's difficult to see why he broke off the action before we had actually reached the cloud. We saw him pass us on the port side and I should say he was getting away at about 450 miles an hour."

A few days ago her son's belongings were returned to their home in The Quadrant, Balkwell, North Shields, Northumberland. Among them was the photograph with this message on the back—

"Sunday, 25.2.40. My Bequia garb for two weeks, halter and pants. Taken in the grounds at Tony Gibbons." It is signed simply "Cynth."

And that is the only clue.

In her sorrow, Mrs. Davidson has appealed to the newspapers to help her in the search for the one person in the world whom she feels can bring her some solace for the loss of the boy they both loved.

Perhaps Cynth does not know of the young airman's death. If not, her grief will be tempered with pride when she learns how he died.

It was in July when Aircraftman Davidson flew to attack an Italian fort on the Sudanese border. His plane was shot down and crashed a few hundred yards in front of the fort.

Davidson, riddled with bullets, jumped as the plane crashed. When they found him, conscious but mortally wounded, his first thoughts were for his pilot, and what had happened to him. Then he asked: "What sort of a show did we make of the bombing?"

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# 8th Heavy Regt. "A" Will Take A Lot Of Stopping In Sevens

## Two Encounters Postponed Birrell Plays Big Part In Sappers' Win

The inability of Royal Scots to play their First Round Seven-A-Side Rugby Tournament matches yesterday was disappointing, but the five games played provided excellent fare, although the only pointer to later successes was given by 8th Heavy Regiment "A", who are going to take a lot of stopping.

### MIDDLESEX "A" 7 TAMAR & SMALL SHIPS "B" 5

A try by Berry and a dropped goal by Man gave the soldiers a 7-0 interval lead. Thereafter, the sailors had more of the game and Rutherford scored a try which Watson converted.

Tamar played Rutherford at forward and Gallacher was slow in getting the ball away from the base of the scrum. McGill was good in defence, while Poole was an energetic forward.

Middlesex were much quicker on the ball and their forwards were too fast for their opposites. Man and Berry both deserved their scores.

### COMBINED SMALL UNITS "A" 9 5TH A.A. "B" 0

Two good tries by Pratt gave Small Units a 6-0 lead at half time, and Macdonald added a third try, between the posts.

Bedford played a grand game at forward, having one 30-yard run that nearly produced a score. Morgan was an enterprising scrum-half and Macdonald showed his speed on several occasions. Hamblin's touch-kicking relieved his side on numerous occasions.

Easterbrook was safe in his tackling if the opponent was in reach, but he was slow to position himself.

### 8TH HEAVY "A" 11 JARDINE'S 0

Two tries by Richards, the first of which Marsh converted, saw the Gunners 8-0 in the lead at the interval and Skipwith added the remaining three points with a try that Marsh failed to convert. Near the end Marsh crossed Ewo's line but dropped the ball.

The speed of Marsh and Richards was too much for Jardine's, while Skipwith played an aggressive type of game, knowing the nearest way to the line. Hook was in an orthodox mood behind a scrum which invariably heeled the ball from the set scrums.

Eager played surprisingly well at scrum-half for Jardine's. His service was mediocre but his tackling was always sound. Bosanquet bought a beautiful dummy from Richards early on, and he never settled down thereafter.

### CIVIL SERVICE 12 12TH HEAVY "B" 3

Morgan gave Civil Servants a 3-0 lead with an unconverted try but the losers were on equal terms through Giddins, only for Civil Service to lead 6-3 following an unconverted try—there was no time for the kick, right in front of the posts—by Hynes. Morgan then made a 50-yard dash for a spectacular try and Taylor added the final try but failed to convert his effort between the posts.

Morgan was outstanding for the winners and Giddins was the most dangerous of the gunners.

R.E. 13 8TH A.A. "A" 3  
Picton scored an unconverted try after Birrell had hit the upright with a penalty kick to give Sappers a 3-0 interval lead. Birrell then scored between the posts and converted his effort, but Giblin reduced the Gunners' arrears with a good try that ought to have been converted. Birrell completed the scoring with a try between the posts which he converted himself.

Birrell, hero of last year's R.E. team, was always dangerous and his kicking was amazingly accurate considering a fairly heavy ball. Picton and Sheldrake were two others to shine in a team which played well together.

Page was prominent for Gunners on many occasions and Fairclough and Dobbinson were sound in defence.

Following were the teams:  
Middlesex "A": Jackson, Lieut. Woodman and Capt. Man, Pte. Jones, Pte. Berry, Sgt. Baxby and Capt. Hewitt (capt.).

Royal Engineers:—Sgt. Jones (T), Cpl. Picton and Cpl. Birrell, Cpl. Fidey (capt.), Spr. Martin (L), L/Sgt. Davis and L/Sgt. Sheldrake.

12th Heavy Regt. "B":—Gnr. McCarthy, Gnr. Howarth and Gnr. Hall, L/Bdr. Denton, Gnr. Bullen, 2/Lieut. Delderfield (capt.) and Bdr. Giddins.  
Combined Small Units "A":—Pte. Macdonald, Sig. Pratt and Sgt. Hamblin, L/Cpl. Morgan, Pte. Mohan, L/Cpl. Chandler and Sgt. Bedford.

Civil Service:—A. J. G. Taylor (capt.), K. W. Forrow and T. O. Morgan, J. Hedman, B. Hynes, F. Burford and E. W. R. Hackett.

5th A.A. Regt. "A":—2/Lieut. Fairclough, Gnr. Giblin and Gnr. Baker, Gnr. Dobbinson, Gnr. Evans, L/Cpl. Clarke and Sgt. Page (capt.).

5th A.A. Regt. "B":—Gnr. Easterbrook, Gnr. Bevan and Gnr. Sutcliffe, L/Bdr. Clarke, 2/Lieut. Banner, Gnr. Mullen and Gnr. Owen.

Jardine's:—D. I. Bosanquet (capt.), N. J. Booker and D. B. Nelson, J. C. Eager, R. G. Geer, R. G. Whitbourne and G. J. P. Carey.

Tamar and Small Ships "B":—P. O. Clough, S/Lt. McGill and S/Lt. Danger, A. B. Gallacher, S/Lt. Poole, Lieut. Watson and Lieut. Rutherford (capt.).

8th Heavy Regt. "A":—L/B. Richards, Sgt. Marsh and Capt. Skipwith, Capt. Hook (capt.), Gnr. Cook, L/Bdr. McDermott and Gnr. Turner.

## FANLING HUNT TO MEET SUNDAY

The second point-to-point of the season will be held at Fanling at 3.00 p.m. on Sunday.

The start will be from near the Kwangti Racecourse and the first flag will be about three-quarters of a mile up the Shautaukok Road near Hill 27. This flag is to be kept on the left and the course from thence runs to the left of Lichee Farm. The second flag will be at the open expanse at the end of the gallops and this flag must also be kept on the left, after which riders will turn homewards for the finish at Kitten Hill.

For the convenience of competitors who wish to walk or ride the course, flags will be up on Friday and will be left there until after the race.

Entries will be divided into two classes, Australian ponies and China ponies, and there will be first, second and third prizes in each class. The Australian entries will be allowed away first, to be followed by the China ponies, each class to be judged separately.

No colours are required, as competitors will be supplied with arm-bands beforehand. The wearing of hard hats is essential.

Entries, accompanied by a fee of \$3, may be sent to Captain J. G. Whittaker, No. 1 Garden Terrace.—Contributed.

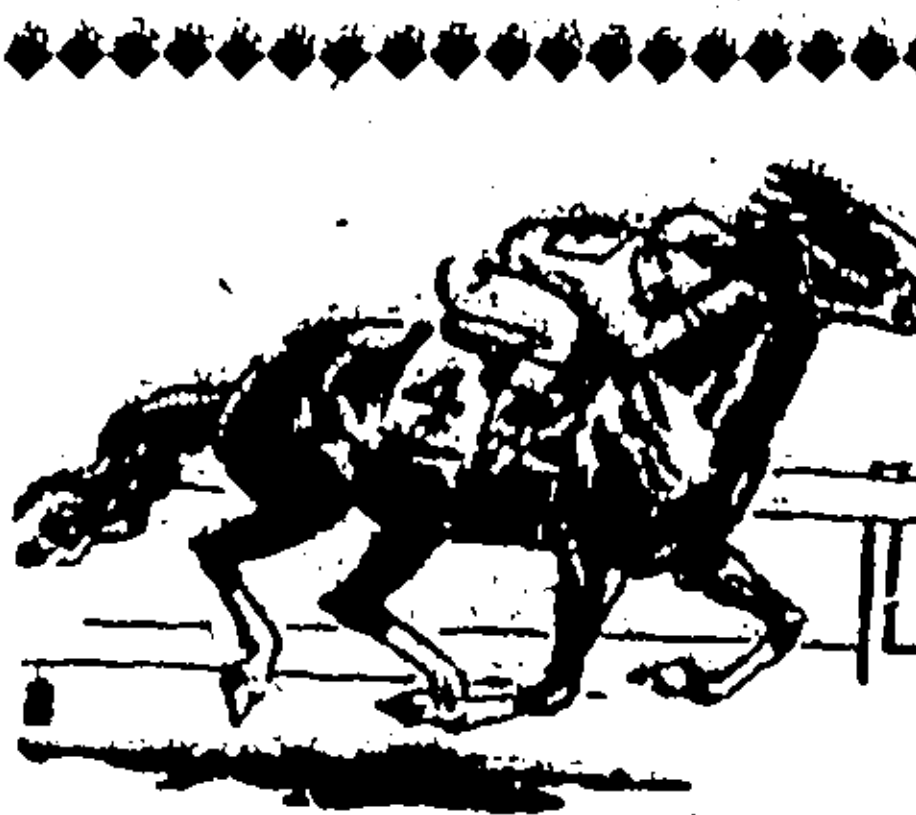
A Billiards Social Evening will be held at the European V.M.C.A. at 7.30 p.m. to-day for members and their friends.

## NEEDA TOP OF TABLE

Following is how the jockeys and owners fared yesterday:

| JOCKEYS         | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Un. |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| V. V. Needa     | 2   | 0   | 0   | 6   |
| H. C. Pih       | 1   | 2   | 0   | 5   |
| P. Y. T. Wei    | 1   | 1   | 2   | 4   |
| W. H. S. Davis  | 1   | 1   | 0   | 5   |
| H. J. Holden    | 1   | 0   | 1   | 0   |
| C. B. Moller    | 1   | 0   | 1   | 2   |
| D. H. S. Craven | 1   | 0   | 1   | 3   |
| Ip Kui-ying     | 1   | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| H. J. A. Hearne | 1   | 0   | 0   | 2   |
| S. C. Liang     | 1   | 0   | 0   | 4   |
| B. L. Tao       | 1   | 0   | 0   | 8   |
| W. G. Foy       | 0   | 2   | 0   | 2   |
| M. M. Sokoloff  | 0   | 2   | 0   | 5   |
| F. Noedt        | 0   | 1   | 1   | 3   |
| L. B. Chao      | 0   | 1   | 1   | 6   |
| A. D. Coppin    | 0   | 1   | 0   | 1   |
| D. G. Woo       | 0   | 1   | 0   | 2   |
| D. Black        | 0   | 0   | 4   | 5   |
| S. W. Tang      | 0   | 0   | 1   | 4   |
| T. W. Chatter   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| F. A. Sequiera  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| K. W. Fung      | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| S. W. Lee       | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| K. I. Ip        | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| S. W. Pan       | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| R. K. C. Chiu   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   |
| Tang Man-wa     | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   |
| B. A. Proulx    | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   |
| Yeung Wing-kwai | 0   | 0   | 0   | 3   |
| Ho Hong-ping    | 0   | 0   | 0   | 3   |
| R. M. Wood      | 0   | 0   | 0   | 4   |
| Hoo Pak-ming    | 0   | 0   | 0   | 4   |
| P. P. Boeltho   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 5   |
| S. L. Sung      | 0   | 0   | 0   | 5   |
| G. Trevorton    | 0   | 0   | 0   | 5   |
| H. S. Chang     | 0   | 0   | 0   | 6   |
| S. L. Yuen      | 0   | 0   | 0   | 7   |

| OWNERS             | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| T. K. L.           | 2   | 0   | 0   |
| Lan                | 1   | 2   | 0   |
| Cire               | 1   | 1   | 1   |
| Necan              | 1   | 0   | 0   |
| C. W. K.           | 1   | 0   | 0   |
| Mrs. A. E. Grasett | 1   | 0   | 0   |
| P. & L.            | 1   | 0   | 0   |
| Young Bros.        | 1   | 0   | 0   |
| Weetoo             | 1   | 0   | 0   |
| Li Po-chun         | 1   | 0   | 0   |
| Shields & Stanton  | 1   | 0   | 0   |
| Eve                | 0   | 2   | 0   |
| S. K.              | 0   | 1   | 0   |
| Eu Tong-sen        | 0   | 1   | 0   |
| C. H.              | 0   | 1   | 0   |
| Lee Bros.          | 0   | 1   | 0   |
| Lee Chi-choh       | 0   | 1   | 0   |
| Billy              | 0   | 1   | 0   |
| S. W. Lee          | 0   | 1   | 0   |
| Quartermaster      | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| C. N. K.           | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| Gredmaka           | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| Toots              | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| Marber             | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| Villaja            | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| Pearstun           | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| S. S.              | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| Manetta            | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| G. Tinson          | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| Mrs. Chung Ho-yan  | 0   | 0   | 1   |



### RAPIER'S SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY

|             |                                                |                 |                   |                             |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Race No. 1  | FRESH AIR                                      | JUS GENTIUM     | HAPPY RETURNS     | Outsider:—Moonlight.        |
| Race No. 2  | BURFORD                                        | O-LAN           | EVE OF HARVEST    | Outsider:—Confusion Bay.    |
| Race No. 3  | KING'S WELCOME                                 | FLEETWING       | COLOOMA           | Outsider:—Ratio Decidendi.  |
| Race No. 4  | UNITED EXPRESS                                 | AMULET STAR     | ARAXY II          | Outsider:—National Welfare. |
| Race No. 5  | JOHNBER                                        | OONAGH          | AVON              | Outsider:—Humdrum Eve.      |
| Race No. 6  | COOLONG                                        | CHARLESBER      | LOVELYLIGHT       | Outsider:—Velvetlight.      |
| Race No. 7  | ENDEAVOUR                                      | BLACK SEAL      | MAINSAIL          | Outsider:—Seat River.       |
| Race No. 8  | NOMINE POENAE                                  | DISTANT VIEW    | FIRST LOVE        | Outsider:—Prairie View.     |
| Race No. 9  | A SURPRISING TIME                              | ROYAL SOVEREIGN | BENDEMEER         | Outsider:—Dashing Beauty.   |
| Race No. 10 | SANTA-ANITA                                    | NEWBORN STAR    | NEVER-NEVER       | Outsider:—Hole In One.      |
| Race No. 11 | SOLDIER OF BRITAIN                             | EVE OF PEACE    | ROYAL WEDDING EVE | Outsider:—Lovely Star.      |
| Race No. 12 | SPRINGHURST                                    | FAIR CHANCE     | MANY THANKS       | Outsider:—Vixen Tor.        |
|             | Daily Double:—Endeavour and A Surprising Time. |                 |                   |                             |

## EFFECT OF WAR ON BRITISH GOLF

If the war ended to-morrow, professionals say it would be 10 years before British golf would recover from its effects, writes Harry Grayson from New York.

It took 10 years for England to even partially recover its playing strength following World War I, and the current conflict may deal the game in the old world a much more punishing blow than the one of 1914-18.

American golfers wonder what is happening to such shrines of the sport as St. Andrews, Hoylake, Prestwick, Sandwich and Deal.

Dick Chapman has his mind set on the North and South Amateur at Pinehurst, and take it or leave it, the Augusta Masters.

Although he was brought up on the Pinehurst courses, Chapman has never won the North and South. "The Masters" is a large order.

But people listen to Chapman now when he announces his plans. It was last winter that he told Pinehurst friends he was going to join the Winged Foot Golf Club in New York, study the course and win the National Amateur in September.

Chapman, wintering in Florida, will go to Pinehurst early in the spring for his big efforts there and in Augusta.

Jimmy Thomson, concerned about his short game, spent a month at Pinehurst brushing up for the winter tour. John Forsman, president of Winged Foot, took motion pictures of Thomson's swing. There were long night sessions in which Horton Smith and other golfing analysts probed deeply into the Scotsman's methods.

Jimmy Thomson made adjustments and shot a 68 over the championship course in his farewell.

Golf is the one game in which the stars jump at the chance to help one another.

## RECREIO TROUNCED BY 'VARSITY

University "A" defeated Recreio 9-0, in "A" division of the badminton league last night.

P. K. Hooi and H. F. Chew (Univ. "A")

beat M. A. Oliveira and A. M. Rodrigues 21-12

beat J. J. Remedios and H. F. Gonsalves 21-7

beat L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva 23-22

K. W. Choy and C. K. Lee (Univ. "A")

beat Oliveira and Rodrigues 21-3

beat Remedios and Gonsalves 21-12

beat Carvalho and Silva 21-1

M. S. Lim and S. F. Yung (Univ. "A")

beat Oliveira and Rodrigues 21-10

beat Remedios and Gonsalves 21-2

beat Carvalho and Silva 21-10

### League Table

|                | P. | L. | W. | F. | A. | Pts. |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| University "A" | 4  | 0  | 4  | 33 | 3  | 8    |
| University "B" | 3  | 1  | 2  | 16 | 11 | 4    |
| Recreio        | 4  | 3  | 1  | 9  | 27 | 2    |
| Chinese "V"    | 5  | 4  | 1  | 14 | 31 | 2    |

## YACHTING RESULTS

The sixth women's championship series, sailed by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday resulted:

|                         |          |   |
|-------------------------|----------|---|
| Gull                    | 16.58.36 | 8 |
| (Miss B. M. Richards)   |          |   |
| True Blue               | 17.01.21 | 6 |
| (Mrs. M. Johnson)       |          |   |
| Maureen                 | 17.04.29 | 4 |
| (Mrs. W. Whittaker)     |          |   |
| Artemis did not finish. |          |   |

## SUNDAY'S HOCKEY

The following are the Hong Kong Hockey Association tournament fixtures for Sunday:

|                | 10.30 A.M. |                |
|----------------|------------|----------------|
| A. N. Other XI | v          | Destroyers     |
| Recreio        | v          | University     |
| S.M.T.B.       | v          | Signals        |
| Fifth A.A. "A" | v          | Khaiya         |
|                | 4.00 P.M.  |                |
| Nomads         | v          | Engineers      |
| Police "B"     | v          | Punjab         |
| C.B.A.         | v          | Fifth A.A. "B" |

## LACOSTE NOMINATED TENNIS CHIEF

LAWN TENNIS ENTHUSIASTS have probably been wondering what has happened to the famous French players. News is gradually coming to hand.

Jean Borotra was recently appointed Commissioner for Physical Education and Sports, and now he has asked his old colleague, Rene Lacoste, one of the greatest of French players, to become president of the French Lawn Tennis Federation.

Lacoste was one of the famous "four musketeers"—Borotra, Henri Cochet and Jacques Brugnon were the others who won the Davis Cup for France from the United States of America, at Philadelphia in 1927, and held it until Great Britain won it in 1933.

### Wimbledon Visitor

Lacoste was a regular and popular visitor to Wimbledon where he won the singles championship in 1925 and 1928, but he has been out of the public eye for some years, having retired from inter-

national lawn tennis. Unlike Borotra, he had a steady, unspectacular style in which accuracy figured to a high degree.

Lacoste took his game so seriously that he always did special physical training for important contests. He also kept copious notes of his matches. He made a note of reasons for any defeat, and jotted down suggestions on how he could improve faulty strokes.

An American once offered him £200 for one of his notebooks. Lacoste refused. "It helps me and that is a priceless consideration," he said.

In the year before the war Borotra helped to launch "popular tennis" in the French public parks. It is likely that some revival of this scheme will be included in his plans.—Reuter.



## ARMY SPORTLIGHT

# Army Rugby Sevens Should Be Very Open

## 'Diehards' At Last Do The Trick; Beat Sing Tao

By "Squaddy"

**T**O-DAY at Sookunpoo there are two games being played in the Large Units' Rugby League, between Royal Engineers and the Middlesex Regiment in the first match, and Combined Royal Artillery and Royal Scots in the second match.

The first game will commence at 3 p.m., and the second at 4.30 p.m.

Engineers are favoured to win their match with the Middlesex, although the latter are a team not to be underestimated, as the Combined Small Units found to their cost last week. In a previous fixture the Engineers defeated the Strong Royal Scots fifteen by getting a try in the last few minutes of the game.

In the second match the Combined Royal Artillery and the Royal Scots should have a hard battle as both have a good team and are well experienced, having several Army players in their midst. Royal Scots have the stronger back division, especially in Capt. Douglass, who is an excellent all round player.

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This season the Army seven-a-side competition will be very open as many of the Army sevens are stronger than in previous seasons. Among the teams entering are Royal Engineers, who can call upon the services of Cpl. Birrell, Cpl. Pictou, Cpl. Foley, and Sgt. Sheldrake. The Middlesex Regiment also have some excellent players in their midst, including Capt. Man, Capt. Hewitt, Lieut. Weedon, Sgt. Bayly, L/Cpl. Moggeridge, Pte. Berry and Pte. Jones.

Combined Small Units have about the strongest Army seven in Hong Kong and should be able to offer strong opposition to all comers. They will most probably turn out the same team as they have entered for the Colony seven-a-side which is taking place this week. Their team is as follows:—Pte. Macdonald, Lieut. Coombes (Capt.), Sgt. Hamlin, L/Cpl. Morgan, Sgt. Manfield, Cpl. Chandler, and Sgt. Bedford. Other likely teams for this competition will be the 8th Hvy. Regt., R.A., 12th Hvy. Regt., R.A., 5th A.A. Regt., R.A., and the Royal Scots.

## ASSOCIATION

## FOOTBALL

**A**T last the Diehards have accomplished the feat of beating Sing Tao in Senior Division of the Hong Kong Football League. They were unlucky in their two previous matches with this club and lost by the odd goal, Sing Tao on both occasions being saved by their goalkeeper.

Middlesex have still to find a centre-forward, and if this could be done they would be able to go much further in the football world than they have done. They are top of all non-Chinese teams in the League.

Engineers and Service Corps are fighting hard for Second Division honours, and neither side can afford to drop a point at a moment like this. During the last month the Engineers have not been playing their usual standard of football, although they have only lost one match this season out of 19 games. Service Corps have lost three out of 20.

At Sookunpoo to-morrow, Signals will meet the 30th Hvy. Bty., R.A. in the re-play of the Junior Shield.

Signals, a Third Division side, did well to hold 30th Bty. in the previous game and it would not surprise if they knocked out the Gunners to-morrow. They have still a good chance of pulling off Third Division honours as they are only two points behind the leaders, Royal Air Force.

The Scottish team for the International Cup final against England are having trouble in finding a centre-half. I think they should give Cpl. Birrell of the Royal En-

gineers a trial in this position as he is a hard worker and has played for the Army in several representative matches.

## HOCKEY

**A**T Shan-shuipo on Sunday, Middlesex Regiment defeated the Punjab by five goals to one in the Large Units Hockey League. They still have an unbeaten record this year and the challenge that they have given the British Army ranks should be an excellent match to look forward to, as in my opinion they will be able to extend them. They have lost a good player in Pte. Stickley, who, I understand, is on the injured list, and his place is being filled by Sgt. Freshwater of the Battalion football eleven.

## DADO'S BIG WIN OVER OLIVEIRA

Little Dado, the Filipino battler who holds the world's fly-weight championship, decisively defeated Tony Oliveira, of San Francisco, in a 10-round bout at Honolulu last month.

Dado, weighing 115 pounds, won every round. Some fight experts said it was the worst beating Oliveira ever absorbed during his ring career. Oliveira weighed in for the bout at 117½ pounds.—A.P.

# SPORTS CAMPAIGN FOR THE ARMY

**THE ARMY IS PREPARING** a big sport campaign. Troops training in Britain are to have more recreation and games, writes a correspondent.

The authorities know that physical fitness won't through sport keeps soldiers happy — and keen to meet the enemy when the time comes.

Plans for developing Army sport were considered at a meeting called by the Army Sports Control Board. It was attended by commanding officers, who had before them the views of the big civilian sports organisations.

Mr. S. F. Rous, the Football Association secretary; Mr. L. Richardson, hon. secretary of the English Cross-Country Union, and Mr. Frank Attwood, of the Amateur Boxing Association, were there.

## No Championships

No Army championships in games are planned, but individual championships in athletics may be organised by the different commands.

Possibly teams could compete for championships in divisions.

While there are plenty of grounds available, equipment still provides a big problem.

Some units have their own sports funds. But as the authorities feel that everyone in the Army should take part in some sort of game, much more equipment is wanted.

The question of the ex-professional football player obtaining leave to play for his former club at week-end is stated to be unchanged.

## BING CROSBY-BOB HOPE'S BRITISH CHARITY GOLF

Bob Hope and Bing Crosby are teaming up with a pair of golf pros for a tour of the country in charity matches for British War relief. They will make personal at theatres in towns where they play, that money also going for war relief.

Duke of Windsor expected to join them on the Florida circuit.

## S'HA-OWNED COLT TRAINED OVER HURDLES

Chateau Larose, the promising two-year-old owned by Mr. H. E. Morriss of Shanghai, and trained by the Hon. George Lambton, at Newmarket, has been given practice over hurdles.

It is thought that this will cause the colt to settle down in readiness for the flat next season.

Chateau Larose is by Chateau Bouscaut-Pasca, and is a half brother to Pasch, who won the Two Thousand Guineas and Eclipse Stakes, for Mr. Morriss in 1938.

He has raced only twice. He made a winning first appearance in the Rosendale Stakes at Manchester in October, and in his next race finished fourth in the Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket.

Chateau Larose holds a number of important engagements next season. Among them are the Two Thousand Guineas, Derby, St. Leger and Eclipse Stakes. — Reuter.

# DEATH OF FAMOUS GOLFING FIGURE

**FRONT RANK GOLFER** for more than a quarter of a century, winner of eight British amateur titles, and the first amateur to win the Open, Mr. John Ball died recently at Holywell, North Wales, aged 79.

A native of Hoylake, Cheshire, Ball, acclaimed by all as a "born golfer," made an appearance in an Open championship when in his 'teens, and startled the golfing world by finishing sixth, only eight strokes behind the winner.

Seven years later he played in the first amateur championship, and reached the semi-final, in which he lost to Horace Hutchinson by two holes.

Ball won the title in 1888, 1890, 1892, 1894, 1899, 1907, 1910 and 1912. In 1890 he also won the "Open," a feat not equalled until America's Bobby Jones secured both honours ten years ago.

## Irish Champion

Ball won innumerable other awards. He was Irish Open Amateur champion three times, four times winner of the St. George's Grand Challenge Cup, and holder of scratch medals in all parts of the country.

A reserved man, who never spoke of his triumphs, Ball had only one rival who challenged his eminence. This was Harold Hilton, four times amateur champion, and there was an interesting sequel in 1927, when the championship was played at Hoylake.

Hilton was beaten in the first round, and Ball, who had a bye, lost in his opening match. It was a somewhat melancholy ending to two great golfing careers, as neither was afterwards seen in championship play.

From 1902 to 1911 Ball captained the English team against Scotland in amateur international matches.

He should retain for many years his record as eight times British Amateur title holder.—Reuter.

## TO-DAY'S CRICKET

Weather permitting Volunteers will be playing Kowloon Cricket Club at Cox's Road, starting at 2 p.m. to-day.

Following are the teams: **VOLUNTEERS** — H. Owen-Hughes, G. G. Aitkenhead, D. G. Day, G. N. Gosano, L. G. Gosano, R. H. Griffiths, J. L. Isley, D. O. Parsons, L. T. Ride, P. M. N. da Silva and E. Zimmern. Twelfth Man—A. E. Perry.

**K.C.C.** — E. C. Fincher, D. J. N. Anderson, E. F. Fincher, D. Hung, N. A. E. Mackay, F. R. Zimmern, W. C. Hung, R. T. Broadbridge, R. E. Lee, K. M. Baxter, and T. A. Madar. Scorer T. W. Carr; Umpire J. P. Robinson.

## VOLUNTEER MATCH OFF

Owing to the ground being unfit, the match between Club and the Volunteers yesterday was cancelled.

## Carson For P.I. Tennis Open

L. D. Carson, Shanghai's ace tennis player, will be figuring in the biggest tourney of his career this month when he plays in the Philippine Open Tennis Championship in Manila, which attracts some of the best talent in the Far East and Australia states the Shanghai "China Press."

Carson left recently for the southern city and is expected to be away for about a month, during which time he will probably also take part in the Philippine Wack Wack Golf Championship.

This is the third time that Carson has been invited by the Philippine Lawn Tennis Association to take part in this championship but this year is the first time that the Shanghai star has been able to accept.

While in Shanghai, Carson has swept aside all opposition in a highly convincing manner and it will be extremely interesting to see how he will fare against first-rate competition. It may be recalled that Carson received a strong test in May 1930 when F. Ampon, the Filipino Davis Cup player, paid a visit here. On that occasion, Carson was out of practice, but nevertheless he gave an excellent account of himself despite losing the match.

## Rapid Golf Rise

Carson's visit to Manila and his possible participation in a golf tourney there also throws attention to his rapid rise in the local golf world. It was not more than three years ago that he first picked up the game, but in the brief interval since then, he has cut his handicap down from 24 to two. His biggest achievement, however, was his performance in the China Open Amateur Championship play last year when he finished up as runner-up to Tony Ricketts.

He is not expected to capture the Wack Wack Open, which has a purse of U.S. \$5,000 for participating professionals, but he should be able to rank well at the top.

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# H.K. BORDER RUMOURS

## No Foundation For Report Of Japanese Departure

### No Indication Of Imminent Withdrawal

REPORTS THAT the Japanese have left Shataukok were authoritatively denied this morning to the "China Mail."

The Japanese were still garrisoned in the same areas and positions along the border between Namtau, Shumchun and Shataukok this morning.

### CATHEDRAL BURNED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Damage done in Spain as a result of the hurricane which struck the Iberian peninsula includes the famous Cathedral at Santanda which has been ravaged by fire.

Many thousands are homeless in both Portugal and Spain and the extent of the damage cannot be yet estimated. International News Service.

### PRESIDENT OF CHINA'S SUPREME COURT

Mr. Li Po, newly-appointed President of the Supreme Court, was sworn in at the National Government Headquarters yesterday morning. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek personally officiated at the ceremony while Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government, was also present. Central News.

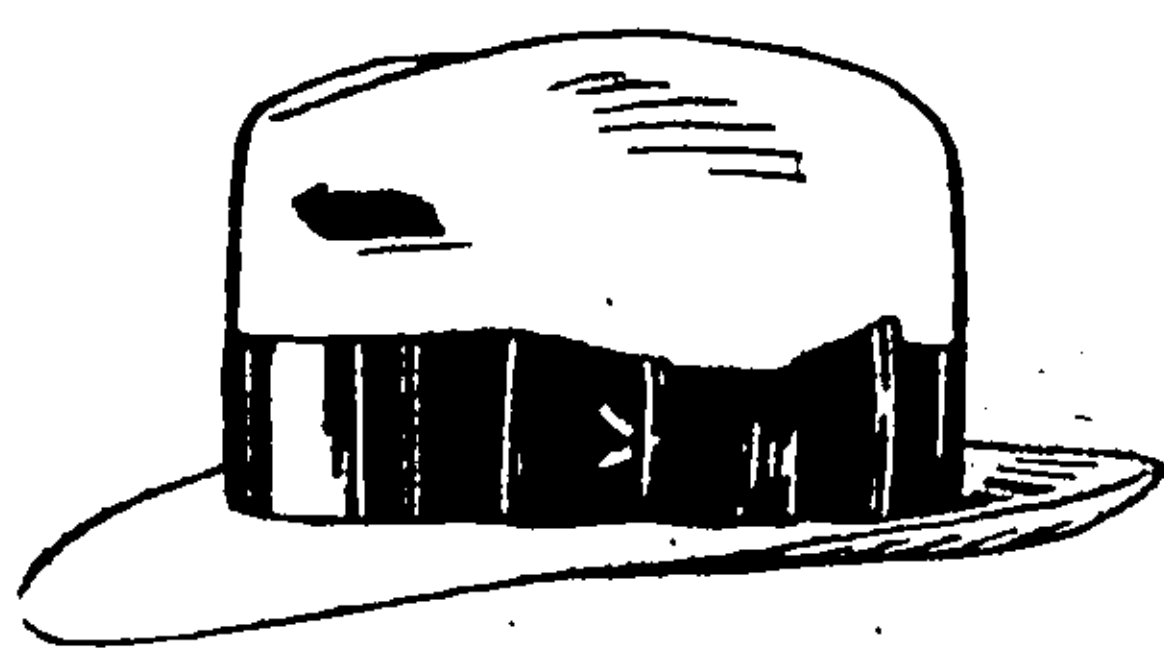


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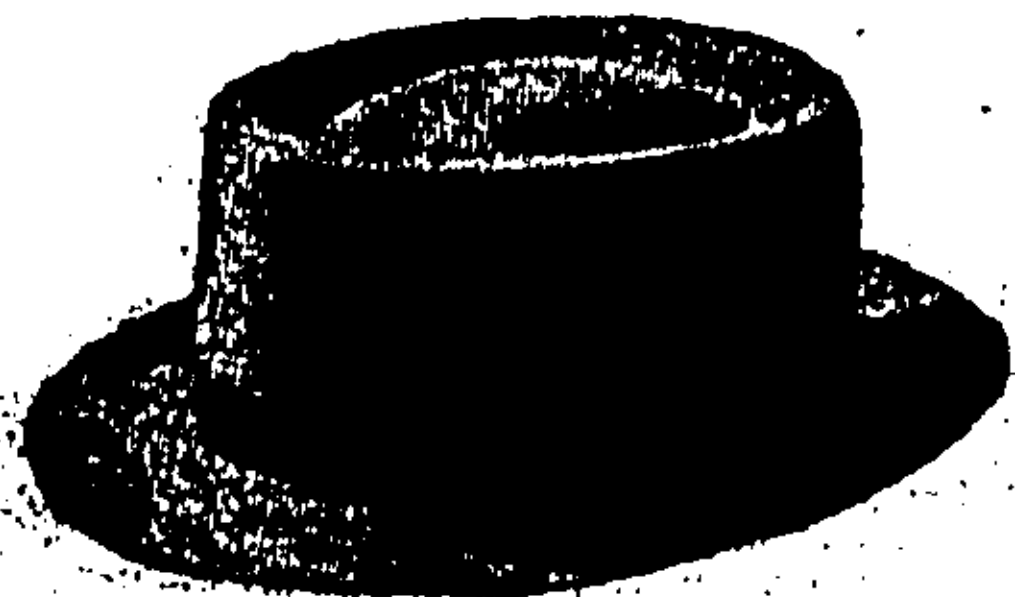


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### RACING RESUMES IN A DRIZZLE

The annual race meeting continues to suffer a loss of its usual brilliant colour in consequence of inclement weather.

Racing opened this morning in a steady, though light drizzle, before a very small crowd.

Indications were that the going on the track would be heavier than yesterday, possibly upsetting many calculations.

H. J. Holden, the Shanghai jockey, who sustained a nasty cut on the right knee when he was kicked by a pony just before the start of the second section of the Sydney Maidens yesterday, was taken to the War Memorial Hospital this morning on the advice of his doctor.

Mr. Holden will not take any further part in the Race Week and will probably return to Shanghai on Monday.

In the meantime it is learned that Messrs. C. B. Moller and Francis Noedt will take care of the Li Po-chun stable, for which Mr. Holden specially came down from Shanghai as first string jockey.

This will prove a great disappointment to both Mr. Holden and his supporters for he showed, in the two races that he took part in yesterday, that he is indeed a first class jockey.

1—PERTH PLATE.—(First Section).—Half a Mile.

Cire's Moonlight, 149 lb. .... (F. Noedt) 1

Culture's Bona Vacantia, 152 lb. .... (M. M. Sokoloff) 2

S. K.'s Fresh Air, 149 lb. .... (Ip Kui-ying) 3

17 Starters. Won by 2 lengths; short head. Time: 24.3; 51.1.

Pari-mutuel: Winner \$21.80; places, 1st \$7.70; 2nd \$30.00; 3rd \$6.20.

BETTING FIGURES

Fresh Air (Ip, 149) 938 897

Moonlight (Noedt, 149) 439 396

Bendigo (Chao, 152) 189 199

Strathalbyn (Treverton, 149) 177 212

Newmarket D a y

(Tao, 150) 114 131

Princess Adelaide

(Wei, 152) 109 98

Lodestar (Davis, 149) 108 124

Harmony Star (Craven, 149) 40 49

Bona Vacantia (Sokoloff, 152) 21 43

Battle (Chang, 152) 11 33

A Rosy Time, (Moller, 149) 9 17

Arnieber (Gregory, 149) 7 28

Tobaccochip (Botelho, 149) 3 9

Beauford (Sequeira, 147) 2 1

May (Chiu, 147) 1 1

Reindeer (Tang Manwa, 152) 1 3

Senorita (Coppin, 154) 1 4

U.S. FLEET MOVE REPORT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PART OF THE UNITED STATES ASIATIC FLEET WILL SHORTLY PROCEED TO AUSTRALIA, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED IN FOREIGN CIRCLES IN SHANGHAI LAST NIGHT. — OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

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### HAVE YOU WON?

Race 1

No. 1369 \$1547.70

.. 2920 442.20

.. 1551 221.10

Unplaced runners (\$50 each). Nos: 3342, 3410, 2021, 2217, 2486, 3944, 82, 3109, 2184, 3621, 3930, 3895, 1458, 90.

### FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:

Mr. Chen Lun Shin, of No. 187, Hennessy Road and Miss Chong Lai Kun, of No. 12 Morrison Hill Road.

Mr. Cheng Chung Tak, clerk, of No. 148, Tunglowan Road and Miss Cheung Wai Ching, of No. 80, Tunglowan Road.

Mr. Ho Kwok Shing, merchant, of No. 17, Waterloo Road, and Miss Yung Chun Ching, of No. 36, Apliu Street.

### RAIDERS GET HOT RECEPTION

Three German raiders who crossed the East Anglian coast yesterday were given a hot reception by a squadron of Spitfires, states the Air Ministry news service.

One JU88 was destroyed and one JU88 and one DO17 damaged. Two sergeant pilots who had never shot down an enemy machine before shared the destruction of the JU88 which crashed into the sea. They attacked the raider individually until both had exhausted their ammunition, then they flew alongside the crippled bomber until it fell into the sea.

A squadron leader and another sergeant pilot took part in attacks on the other two raiders. The DO17 released its bombs at random when intercepted and the pilot turned round and made out over the North Sea. The damaged JU88 was last seen heading out over the North Sea with small chance of reaching its base. — British Wireless.

### STOP PRESS

2—FOOCHOW CUP.—1 1/4 Miles.

Cire's Navylight, 153 lb. .... (C. B. Moller) 1

Eve's Eve of Harvest, 156 lb. .... (W. H. S. Davis) 2

T. K. L.'s Confusion Bay, 156 lb. .... (V. V. Needa) 3

6 starters. Won by a head; 3/4 length. Time 27.2; 55.4; 1.25.4; 1.55.4; 2.25.1.

Pari-mutuel: Winner \$72.40; places, 1st \$6.90; 2nd \$5.30; 3rd \$5.30.

It is now revealed that the action by the Chase Bank and National City Bank announced yesterday, "suspension of cheque accounts as from March 1 as a precautionary measure," refers only to foreign currency accounts.

Officials of both Banks expressly state that no change will be made in the matter of local dollar accounts.—Reuter.

Race 2

No. 2283 \$2032.10

.. 2899 \$580.60

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# SHARP VERBAL WAR OVER LEND AND LEASE

## COLONY BUDGET SLASHED

Hong Kong's Budget estimates for the year beginning April 1st, 1941, has been slashed by nearly two million dollars as the result of re-examination by the Select Committee of Legislative Council.

Although no precise details of the cuts are likely to be made available until Thursday's Budget debate, they affect principally the Harbour Department and works provided under the heading of Public Works Extraordinary. This much is disclosed by Government's publication this morning of the draft Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding \$52,483,294 to the public service of the Colony in 1941-42, which represents a reduction of about \$1,750,000 on the Estimates as originally drafted. Charitable services have received an additional \$10,000 as a result of the review by the Select Committee and an additional \$100,000 appears under the head of Miscellaneous Service.

The Harbour Department, however, has suffered a cut of \$600,000, the Medical Department of just over \$100,000 and Public Works Extraordinary, a cut of \$1,150,000.

To these items have to be added \$6,000,000 Military Contribution, \$2,159,421 on account of Public Debt, and provision for further expenditure of \$832,000 to be met out of the Waterworks Renewals and Improvements Fund.

## VIOLENT SWOOP BY R.A.F.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") SWARMS OF BRITISH BOMBERS HAVE BLASTED NESTS OF GERMAN DIVE-BOMBERS IN SICILY AS WELL AS ITALIAN BASES IN ALBANIA, ITALY AND AFRICA, LEAVING A SWATH OF DAMAGED PLANES AND WRECKED BUILDINGS. This list of targets is like a gazetteer of Italian Mediterranean and African possessions. The assault was concentrated on Catania and Brindisi. — International News Service

WEATHER FORECAST: North-east winds moderate to fresh; cloudy occasional rain.

## Heated Language In Senate Debate

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A BITTER CONFLICT OVER WHETHER THE UNITED STATES SHOULD ENTER THE WAR FLARED UP IN THE SENATE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE DEBATE ON THE LEND AND LEASE BILL YESTERDAY.

As the crowded galleries hissed and applauded Senator Taft started a heated exchange when he branded the majority leader, Senator Barkley's opening plea for swift passage of the measure as "a forceful plea for a declaration of war."

Senator Barkley denied Senator Taft's interpretation, saying: "I do not favour war. I am opposed to the United States going to war."

"I want Hitler defeated overseas by our aid so that we will not have to go to war here. We will cross our bridges as we reach them."

"I would not vote for war now. Whether that time ever comes I am not such a prophet that I can foresee."

"I SAY THAT A WORLD ENSLAVED IS WORSE THAN DEATH. WHEN THE TIME COMES FOR US TO FIGHT WE WILL FIGHT."

Senator Barkley is confident the Bill will pass within a fortnight, with a vote of about 70 to 25. — International News Service.

## AXIS NAVAL CHIEFS IN CONFERENCE

It was announced in Berlin yesterday that Admiral Raeder, Commander-in-Chief of the German navy, and Admiral Riccardi, Secretary of State for the Italian navy, conferred at Merano, Italy, on Thursday and Friday last week.

The official German news agency says: "A thorough exchange of views on the conduct of the war against England, which was carried on in a spirit of comradeship, resulted in complete unanimity." — Reuter.

## MR. MATSUOKA REITERATES JAPAN'S POLICY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

MR. MATSUOKA, Japanese Foreign Minister stated in the Diet yesterday that Japan did not claim leadership in East Asia but that she was capable of such leadership.

He said that Japan would never abandon her policy of establishing an East Asiatic order.

Mr. Matsuoka admitted a deadlock in the negotiations with the Dutch East Indies, but said that he expected trade talks with the Dutch East Indies to be resumed shortly.

The Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Hoshino, outlined Japan's aims in the South Seas and said it was hoped to achieve these aims by peaceful negotiations. He admitted that war would, on the other hand, bring disaster to the nation but said that Japan would resist any attempt to hinder the proper solution. — International News Service.

## SANTANDER HAVOC

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") A third of Santander has been destroyed in the huge fire which broke out yesterday morning and is still raging. The authorities hope to control the fire by nightfall "unless complications develop." At least 100 have been killed and injured and 30,000 rendered homeless. — International News Service.

## ITALIAN DEFENCE CRACKS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Greeks yesterday attacked on the entire front in one of the war's fiercest offensives, placing the ancient Hellenic "wings of victory" over the central Albanian peaks.

It is claimed in Athens that the Italian defences cracked at several points, with the Fascists in full retreat in a number of sectors.

The Tepelini-Glava highway, scene of a bitter battle on Sunday, was found strewn with the corpses of thousands of Italians. The 11th Italian Army Corps, defending the Tepelini region, was routed with only 20 or 30 survivors in some companies. — International News Service.

## MR. OSHIMA IN GERMANY

The Japanese Ambassador to Germany, Mr. Oshima, arrived in Berlin yesterday with a large staff. Berlin reports that while crossing Soviet Russia a special coach had to be arranged by the Soviet in order to accommodate the Ambassador and his staff. — British Wireless.

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# LEASE AND LEND BILL PARLEY

## President Roosevelt's "War Cabinet" Meets



Clearing up shell-cases after an 8-barrel Pom Pom on a British warship has been in action. (Copyright, Fox).

## Planning In Advance Of Passage

MR. HARRY HOPKINS, recently President Roosevelt's special envoy to Britain, was present at a White House conference yesterday on the subject of the Lease and Lend Bill.

Also present were the Secretary for War, Mr. Henry Stimson, the Secretary of Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, the Secretary for Navy, Col. Frank Knox, and the Secretary for Agriculture, Mr. Wickard, as well as the Director of Budgets.

Mr. Stephen Early, President Roosevelt's secretary, described the conference as one of a series which will continue to make advance arrangements for the Bill.

When passed, he added, many administrative requirements will be set and ready.

### Food For Britain

On Sunday night Mr. Hopkins had a conversation with President Roosevelt which lasted until 2 o'clock in the morning.

The presence of Mr. Wickard at the conference indicates the possibility that the question of food supplies for Britain was among those discussed.

After the conference Mr. Wickard said: "I think food is very necessary for British defence but I think we have ships more than anything else to haul food." — Reuter.

### Canvas Of Opinion

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") A canvas of opinion in the U.S. Senate on the Lease and Lend Bill by Senator Hill indicates that the Bill is expected to pass by a majority of 70 votes to 25, according to a message from Washington.

Meanwhile, President Roosevelt has begun a series of conferences with Administration leaders with a view to putting the Lease and Lend Bill into operation as soon as the Bill is passed.—International News Service.

## NETHERLANDER STOWAWAY

Bernard Classen, 29, a Netherlands subject, was sentenced to three weeks' simple imprisonment by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning, for stowing away on board a ship from Saigon recently.

It is understood that arrangements have been made for defendant to leave the Colony as soon as possible.

## COMMISSION IN R.A.F. FOR BURMESE

The first Burmese to get a commission in the British Services was a young engineer who joined the R.A.F. yesterday.

Burma's contributions to the war chest has already amounted to £150,000 and the proceeds of this contribution went towards the purchase of a squadron which has already shot down more than thirty enemy aircraft. — British Wireless.

## HUGE DOUGLAS BOMBER IN PRODUCTION

WHAT IS PROBABLY THE WORLD'S LARGEST BOMBER-TROOP CARRIER WILL SHORTLY BE IN PRODUCTION IN THE U.S.A.

This is the B19 Douglas bomber which weighs 80 tons when fully loaded with its eighteen tons of bombs and ten tons of armaments. It has a range of 7,500 miles and carries a crew of ten.

With a wing span of 212 feet this giant machine is driven by four Wright Duplex engines each developing 2,000 horse power and attains a speed between 200 and 250 m.p.h. at about 25,000 feet.

It is stated that the armaments, details of which are kept a close secret, enable the B19 to beat off attacks from several fighters at once without assistance from escorting aircraft. — British Wireless.

## MORE U.S.A. 4-MOTOR AIRCRAFT

Two types of 4-motor aircraft now being developed by Lockheeds, one of the best known constructors of California, offer a good indication of the current trend of civil air liner development in the U.S.A. They are known as the L.44 and L.49, and are of special interest since the Lockheed Company has previously restricted its activities to 2-motor transports. One such type, the Lockheed 14, has gained a fame with the Coastal Command of the R.A.F. in the modified form known as the Hudson. The first order for Hudsons was placed just before the war.

Some details have already been published about the L.44, provisionally known as "Excalibur", but little information about the design and performance of the L.49 has so far been released.

Excalibur is a four-engined, low wing monoplane, with an all-up weight of 38,500 lbs. (17 tons approximately) which is about twice the weight of the Lockheed 14, or approximately half a ton more than that of the D. H. Albion, a British 4-engine mail carrier. A tri-cycle type undercarriage is provided, a growing practice with American types, and there is provision for 32 passengers by day, or 16 by night, besides the crew of four. The cruising speed at a height of two miles is around 230 m.p.h. It has a ceiling of about five miles, on four Hornet engines of 750 h.p. each, and a maximum range of 7,500 miles.

## ENEMY BOMBER DOWN OFF NORFOLK COAST

According to an Air Ministry communiqué a few bombs were dropped in east and south-east England and north Scotland yesterday, causing little damage and a small number of casualties.

An enemy bomber was shot down into the sea off the Norfolk coast in the afternoon.—Reuter.

## British Policy In Bulgaria

The British Minister to Bulgaria, Mr. George Rendel, yesterday outlined British policy towards Bulgaria.

He was replying to questions raised by Reuter's correspondent in Sofia as a result of various statements in the Bulgarian press.

"British policy is aimed at maintenance of the neutrality and independence of Bulgaria and at preventing the war from spreading to Bulgarian soil," declared Mr. Rendel.

"The British Government welcome the development of close and friendly relations between Bulgaria and her neighbours."

### British Attitude

"We have no wish whatever of taking any initiative towards violating Bulgaria's neutrality or of involving Bulgaria in war."

"If Bulgaria loses her neutrality and war is brought to Bulgaria it will be solely and directly on the initiative of Germany."

"The question of whether the British Legation remains or not depends upon the movement of German troops." — Reuter.

## Hoover Plan For Relief

Mr. Herbert Hoover's plan for food relief in the smaller German occupied countries, which he stated in his recent broadcast speech to be under consideration by the British and German Governments, is thought in well-informed London circles to present many serious difficulties.

Main problem which at once arises is the systematic looting of foodstuffs in occupied countries which has already been carried out by the Germans themselves.

Britain cannot be accused of lack of humanitarian feeling in refusing to relax the blockade to assist to feed despoiled populations especially when the Germans themselves are continually boasting—even to the peoples they have overrun—that they have food enough to supply the whole of Europe.

The Hoover plan might recommend itself if the necessary utensils and food were obtained in Europe and paid for with dollars held by American banks in Germany and at present blocked by the Nazis. But again the problem cannot be so easily simplified, for Mr. Hoover suggests that soup kitchens should be established as an experiment.—British Wireless.

## INDIA'S TRADE PROBLEMS

THE COMMERCE MEMBER OF THE RAJ TOLD THE INDIAN LEGISLATURE AT NEW DELHI YESTERDAY THAT EVEN THOUGH INDIAN EXPORTS TO MARKETS STILL OPEN TO INDIA SHOWED AN INCREASE TO PRIOR TO THE OUTBREAK OF WAR THESE WERE NOT SUFFICIENT TO COMPENSATE FOR LOST MARKETS.

Therefore, he added, the Raj was now actively considering the question of sending trade missions to such countries whose markets were still open to India and with whom trade relations can be improved.—Reuter.



The gun's crew on a minesweeper. They are searching anti-submarine nets and mines made of bamboo to prevent burrs while firing. (Copyright, Fox).



# TURKEY AND BULGARIA SIGN AN AGREEMENT

"New Exchange Of Views In Light Of Events"

## To Abstain From Aggression

THE TURKISH AND BULGARIAN GOVERNMENTS YESTERDAY PUBLISHED A JOINT STATEMENT ENUMERATING FOUR POINTS ON WHICH THEY HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT, SAYS A SOFIA TELEGRAM TO THE OFFICIAL ITALIAN NEWS AGENCY.

The statement says: "The Turkish and Bulgarian Governments decided to initiate a new exchange of views in the light of events and have reached agreement on the following points without prejudice to their contracted agreements with regard to other countries.

"Firstly, Turkey and Bulgaria consider it an unchanging basis of their foreign policy to abstain from any aggression.

"Secondly the two Governments are inspired by the most friendly intentions towards each other and are determined to maintain and develop their confidence still further in good neighbourly relations.

"Thirdly the two Governments declare themselves ready to seek appropriate means to develop trade relations between the two countries to the greatest extent compatible with their economic structure.

### Friendship And Confidence

"Fourthly, the two Governments express the hope that the press of their two countries will be inspired in its writings by the mutual friendship and confidence which to-day has been newly affirmed in this declaration."

Only announcement on the declaration on the Turkish side came from Ankara radio.

The announcer said that a declaration by the Turkish and Bulgarian Governments was signed at the Turkish Foreign Office yesterday afternoon by the Turkish Foreign Minister, Dr. Sarajoglu, and the Bulgarian Minister to Ankara.

### No Radical Change

Meanwhile, it is not expected in Sofia that the declaration will radically alter the present position.

In December last the Bulgarian Minister to Turkey, M. Jiroff, travelled to Sofia on a visit stated to be connected with a move towards a Bulgarian-Turkish rapprochement.

It was stated then that he conveyed concrete Turkish proposals and he was received by King Boris as well as by the Foreign Minister, M. Popoff. — Reuter.

### Freedom of Action

News reaching London last night that an agreement of friendship has been concluded between Turkey and Bulgaria shows that negotiations on this subject between the two countries have come to an end.

For some time past Turkey's diplomatic efforts have been consistently directed to the difficult task of building up a united front among the Balkan countries for the purpose of resisting Axis aggression.

Having regard, however, to the advanced position of German infiltration into Bulgaria, it is hard to see how the actual political situation in the Balkans can be seriously affected by the present agreement.

It may safely be assumed that Turkey will have safeguarded her freedom of action under her existing treaty obligations.

## GRAVE RUMANIA SITUATION

The situation in Rumania is very grave, the population lacking essentials which were plundered wholesale by German troops who terrorise the Rumanians, stated travellers arriving in Istanbul from Rumania yesterday.

Rumanians are convinced the Germans are preparing quickly to invade Bulgaria and it is stated that 50 pontoon bridges have already been assembled in the Dobrudja for this purpose.

Rumanians do not hide their fear of the consequences which would follow an extension of the war in the Balkans.

Meanwhile, Sir Reginald Hoare, British Minister to Rumania, who has arrived in Istanbul from Constanza, has not yet decided on his plans but is expected to go to Ankara to see Turkish leaders before proceeding to England. — Reuter.

### DINNER IN HONOUR OF DR. CURRIE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Mr. Leuchlin Currie, President Roosevelt's personal envoy, is expected to return to Chungking from Chengtu on Friday in order to attend the Sino-American Cultural Relations Association banquet in his honour. — Our Own Correspondent.

### H.K. IMMIGRATION MEASURE

The Hong Kong Immigration Office has established an office in Shanghai to issue entry permits to Hong Kong, according to the Chinese Press in Shanghai. — Central News.

As might be expected German propaganda is already at work suggesting that the conclusion of this new agreement removes any difficulty facing Germany as far as Turkey is concerned in the event of her moving across Bulgaria to attack Greece.

This line of propaganda is entirely without foundation. — British Wireless.



Mechanised material and troops of the British Forces on Greek soil, being surrounded by crowds when passing through a town. (Copyright, Fox).

## LONGEST R.A.F. FLIGHT OF THE WAR

Indications that R.A.F. Bombers have made their longest operational flight of the war are given in an Air Ministry communique stating that leaflets were dropped over the Cracow and Katowice areas of Poland on Saturday night.

From bomber stations in England to Katowice or Cracow and back is 1,750 miles.

Previous longest flight made by R.A.F. bombers was the 1,600 miles round journey to and from Danzig railway station, which was bombed last November. — British Wireless.

## NAZIS SACK DR. COLIJN

Dr. Hendrik Collijn, 71-year-old former Dutch Prime Minister, has been dismissed by the Germans from his post as editor of the conservative newspaper "De Standaard." It was learned in London yesterday.

Dr. Collijn, the Germans say, "will not adapt himself to the new conditions."

Dr. Collijn has been associated with the paper—one of the most influential in Holland—for over 20 years and had acted as editor since his retirement from the Cabinet.

He has long been at loggerheads with the Axis and "De Standaard"

## MR. JOHN WHYATT HARD AT WORK

It was announced in New Delhi yesterday that Mr. Archibald Carter has assumed the post of Chairman of the Eastern Group Supply Council.

Pending the arrival of representatives of Australia, South Africa and New Zealand, Mr. John Whyatt, Secretary of the Council, has commenced the spadework. — Reuter.

was the first paper suppressed by the Germans because of a leading article in which Dr. Collijn attacked the German White Book on Holland and Belgium. — Reuter.

## DULL DAY ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE

The London Stock Exchange was dull yesterday apart from home rails where anticipatory speculative buying in view of dividend announcements due on Feb. 28 caused useful advances. Gilt-edged were steady. Oils turned irregular while industrials tended easier, especially textiles, on the projected curtailment but tobaccos were maintained. Kaffirs were steady at a small decline. Japanese bonds rallied on the lessened Far Eastern tension. Wall Street was very quiet. — Reuter.

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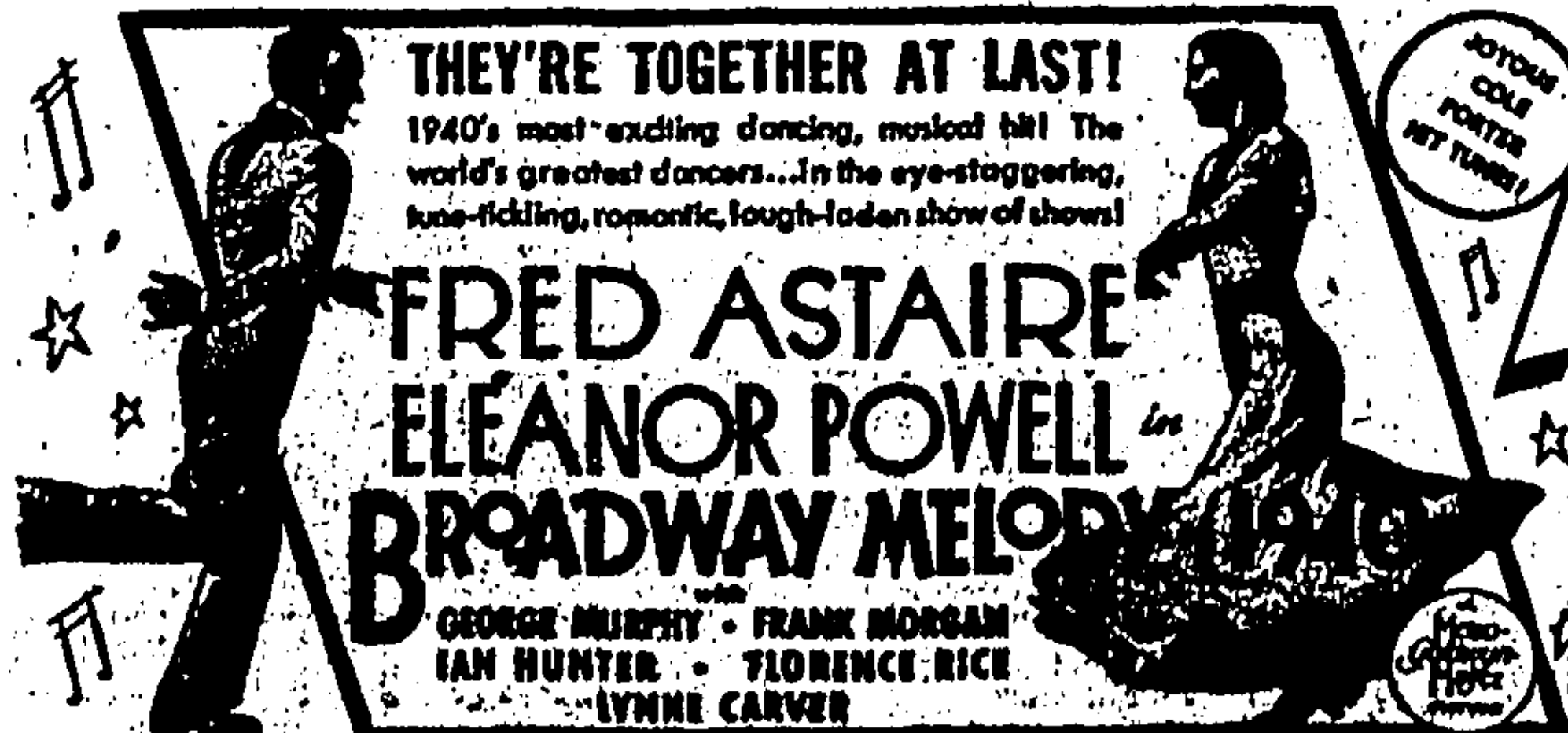
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# Dive-Bomber Lairs In Sicily Heavily Raided

THE LAIRS OF dive-bombers in Sicily were attacked by the R.A.F. during the week-end, a communique issued by R.A.F. Headquarters in the Middle East in Cairo saying the attacks took place on Saturday night.

At Catania hangars and administrative buildings were bombed and several fires and explosions caused. Aircraft on the ground were burned.

At Cosimo bombs fell on dispersed aircraft, causing explosions and fires, one of which lasted over half an hour.

The aerodrome at Gela was also attacked successfully and aircraft on the return journey from this raid machine-gunned the beacon station at Cape Passero.

## Direct Hits

Hangars, buildings and workshops at Mai Adaga, in Eritrea, were heavily damaged and photographs were taken showing the effect of several direct hits.

Around Keren fighter aircraft supported British troops.

Near Gurz enemy aircraft were intercepted and shot down and others damaged near Keren.

In Abyssinia dispersed enemy aircraft and stores were set on fire at Chinelli.

## German Shot Down

Australian fighter aircraft intercepted German bombers near Benghazi and one German plane was shot down.

Raid on Malta on Saturday and Sunday caused no damage to R.A.F. property.

A Fleet Air Arm plane on reconnaissance off the coast of Tunis attacked and sunk a merchant vessel of about 7,000 tons.

Only one British bomber and one fighter failed to return from these operations.—Reuter.

## AIR ATTACK IN JUBA RIVER ZONE

A Nairobi communique states: "South African Air Force bombers have continued sustained activities during the last few days.

On February 15 the heaviest dive bombing attack yet was made on Gelib, on the east bank of the Juba River. Our bombers, attacking in waves, dropped a large number of bombs on the village and enemy barracks there. Many hits were observed and several fires started.

On the previous day bombers carried out an offensive reconnaissance east of the Juba River. Enemy mechanical transport was located and bombers registered hits north of Mega, Abyssinia."

An official announcement in Nairobi states it is now known that a large quantity of ammunition, stores and material was captured at Kismayu and the Italians left a number of heavy coast defence and A.A. guns intact. The defences of Kismayu were of great strength and included tank traps and a deep belt of barbed wire.—British Wireless.

## D.G.S. THEFT

Miss E. M. Gibbins, head mistress of the Diocesan Girls' School, has reported to the police that between Friday and Sunday an overcoat, valued at \$65, was stolen from the school premises.

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## PORTUGUESE CHILD BADLY INJURED

A FOUR-YEAR-OLD PORTUGUESE LAD, FRANCISCO DECA, OF NO. 8, OBSERVATORY ROAD, WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON WHEN HE WAS KNOCKED DOWN BY AN UNCONTROLLED CAR RACING DOWN OBSERVATORY HILL.

He was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital.

The lad's Chinese amah, Ng Yan, was also hurt but was not detained.

It is believed that three boys, playing in Observatory Hill where the car, No. 4744, was parked, pushed the car and as a result the brakes relaxed and the car went racing down the hill.

After hitting the four-year-old boy and his amah, the vehicle ended its journey against a wall and was badly damaged.

to the line of the Juba River. Meanwhile quantities of guns and war materials of all kinds taken with the capture of Kismayu are being checked.—British Wireless.

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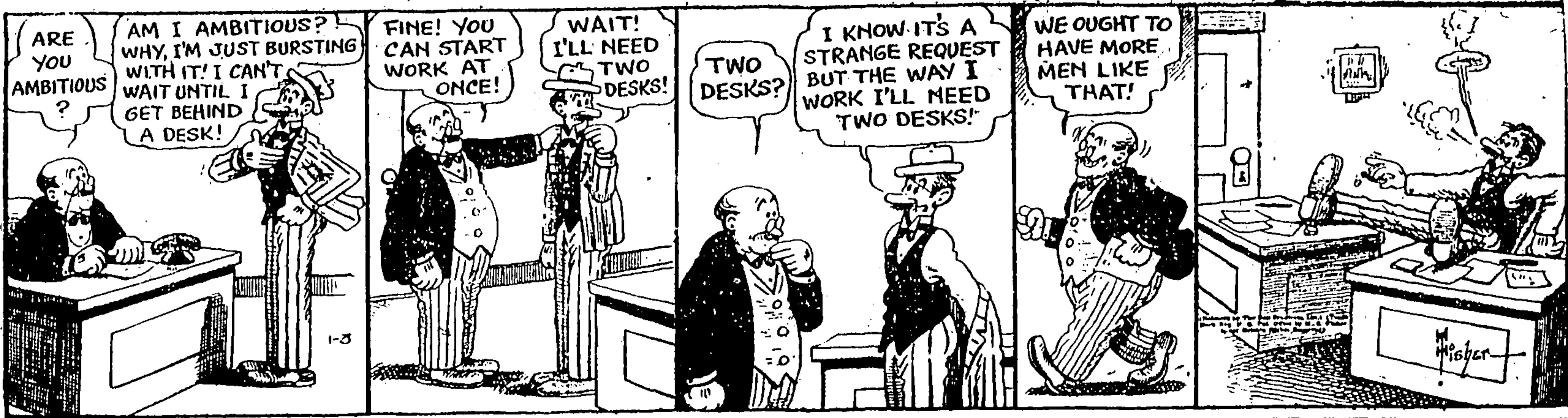


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# NO FOUNDATION FOR H.K. BORDER RUMOURS

## WATCHMAN CHARGED

A PRIVATE WATCHMAN, RAM SINGH, 26, WAS CHARGED BEFORE MR. H. G. SHELTON THIS MORNING, WITH BEING DRUNK AND DISORDERLY IN HENNESSY ROAD AND WITH ASSAULTING A 14-YEAR-OLD BOY, LI SAI.

Defendant told the Court that he was extremely sorry for what he had done. He prayed throughout the night in the Sikh Temple immediately after the incident.

Detective-Sergeant J. Bentley said defendant was formerly a constable in the Police Force, and was dismissed for a similar reason.

It was alleged that defendant struck the boy on the head with a walking stick.

Defendant was ordered to pay \$25 compensation to the boy, and was cautioned.

REPORTS THAT the Japanese have left Shataukok were authoritatively denied this morning to the "China Mail."

The Japanese were still garrisoned in the same areas and positions along the border between Namtau, Shumchun and Shataukok this morning.

## THIEF SENT TO PRISON

Three weeks' hard labour was imposed by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning on Kwok Kam-chui, 20, for stealing \$13 from Cheung Lam, and a wrist watch and clothing from Yiu Yin.

Det.-Sgt. A. A. Shaw said accused stole the money from Cheung Lam's stall in Cheungshan Road early on Sunday morning. Cheung saw the theft but was unable to give chase, because he was unwell.

The same morning, he went to Yiu Yin's stall in Nan Chang Street and stole the watch and clothing while the complainant was sleeping.

The strength of the Japanese forces in the areas has not been decreased.

The situations in Mirs Bay and Bias Bay have not changed and the Japanese are still in control of the coast in these two bays.

A decrease in the Japanese garrison at Sha-yu-chung has reduced the Japanese forces there to about 100 men who are patrolling the coast.

The highway between Pingshan and Au-tau is heavily garrisoned.

## "Fantastic"

Reports in the Chinese Press stating that the Japanese are re-embarking their war materials and heavy guns and ammunition on transports in Bias Bay are described as "fantastic".

Some of the goods left behind by traders at Sha-yu-chung, and Tamshui have, however, been taken away by ships from Bias Bay.

Existing signs indicate that the Japanese do not intend at present to abandon the positions they have occupied in the Tamshui-Sha-yu-chung areas.

## STRAITS DOLLAR EXCHANGE

AS A RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE CHINESE CONSUL GENERAL AND THE SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT, A LOWER RATE OF EXCHANGE FOR THE STRAITS DOLLARS AGAINST CHINESE NATIONAL CURRENCY IS PROBABLE, ACCORDING TO MESSAGES FROM SINGAPORE.

If this comes about, the rate will be made to correspond more closely with the market rate.

It has been pointed out to the F.M.S. Government that the official rate of the Straits Dollar against Chinese National Currency is higher than the market rate by about ten per cent entailing a loss to the Chinese community who remit money to China — Reuter.

## WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has decreased in intensity, and is moving eastward. Pressure is now highest over Korea and the neighbouring seas, and is relatively low over the Pacific to the east of Japan.

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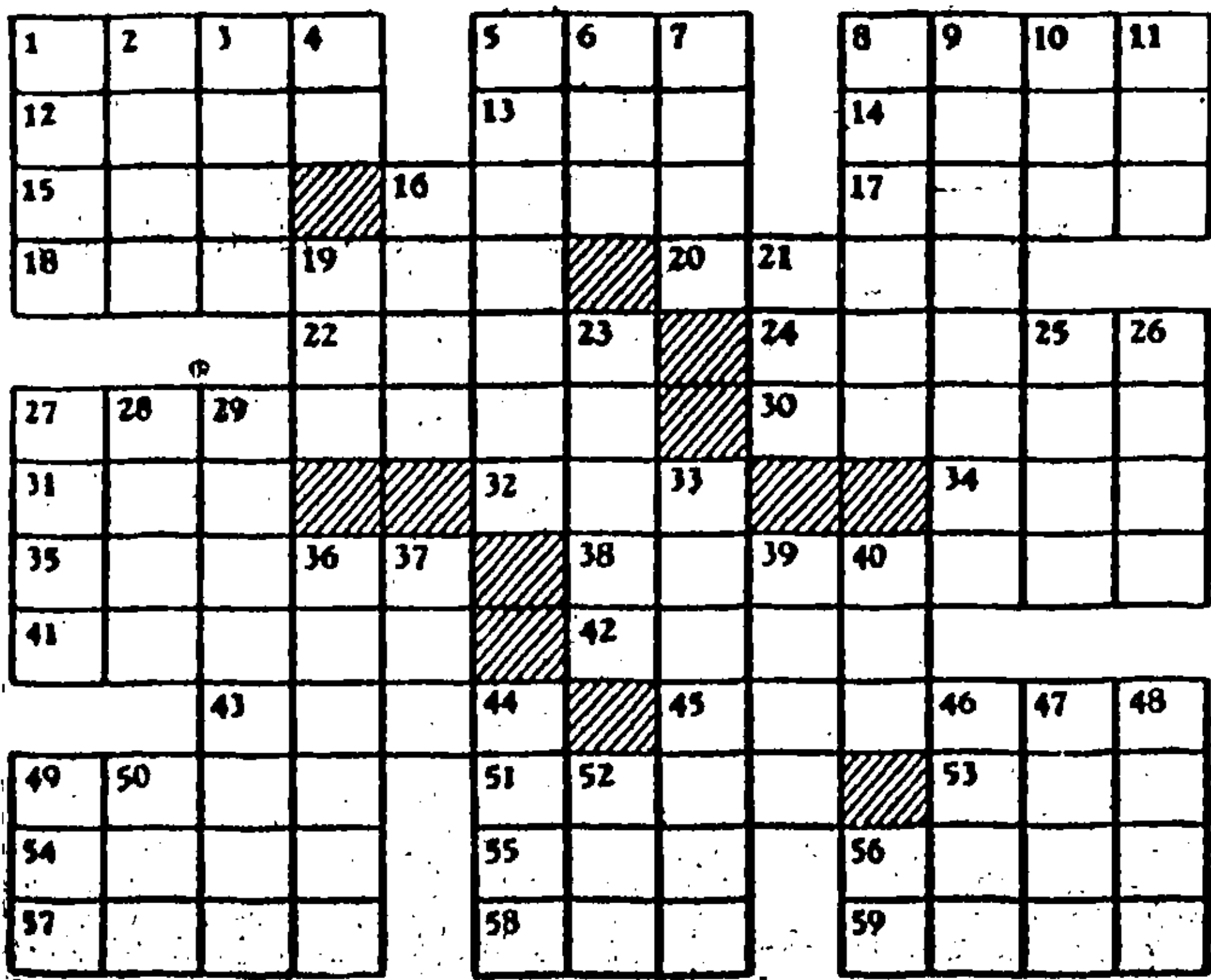
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- 1 River in Germany
- 5 Moccasin
- 8 Asiatic plant
- 12 Factual
- 13 The self
- 14 To interpret
- 15 To row
- 16 Front part of a vessel
- 17 Southwest wind
- 18 Character in "The Three Musketeers"
- 20 Thady
- 22 Ancient European country
- 24 King of Bulgaria
- 27 Acrobat
- 30 Place of combat
- 31 Fish eggs
- 32 Faucal
- 34 Biblical character
- 35 Dart
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- 41 Birthplace of Mohammed
- 42 Bad
- 43 Hindu passage
- 45 To engage the service of

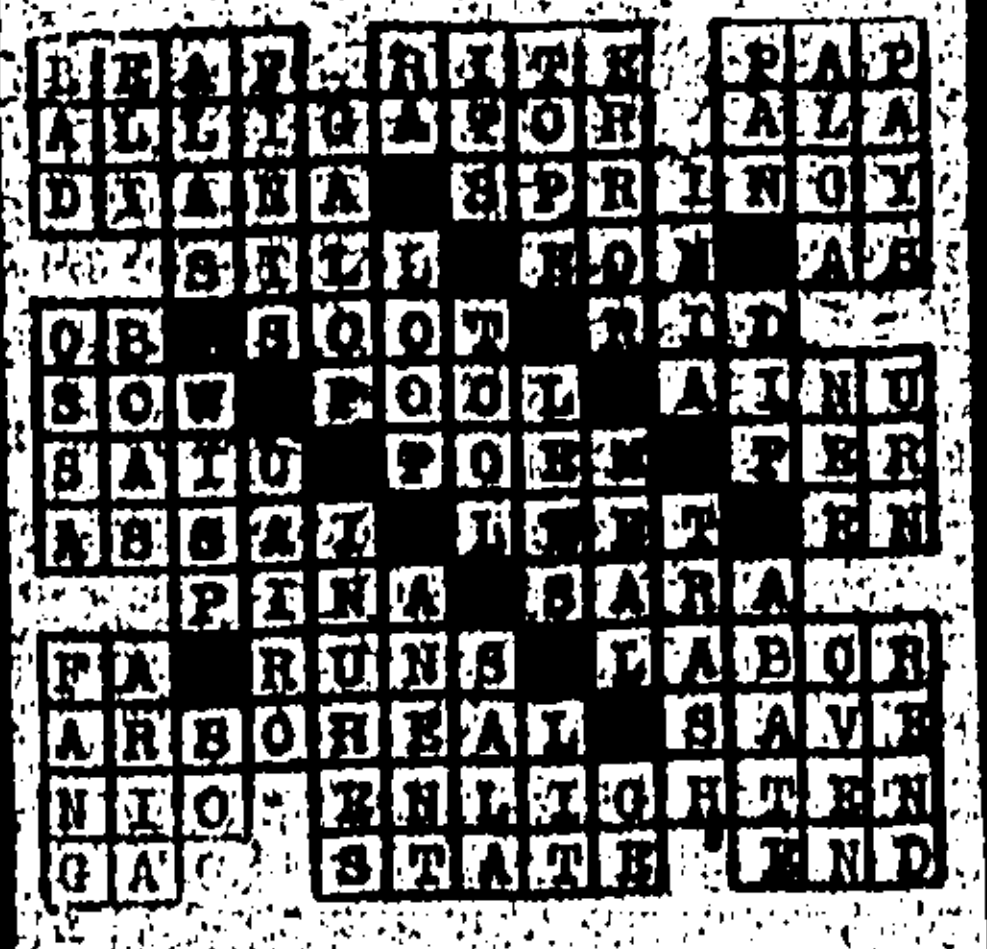
- 49 Secure
- 51 Large number
- 53 Prefix: new
- 54 To border
- 55 To devour
- 56 Entry
- 57 Elongated
- 58 Soma
- 59 Alaskan city

### VERTICAL

- 1 Greek portico
- 2 Sandarac tree
- 3 Invisible emanation
- 4 Note of scale
- 5 To endure
- 6 Time gone by

- 7 Monk's hood
- 8 Politician
- 9 Humble
- 10 Fruit drink
- 11 Gaelic sea-god
- 12 Holy-water font
- 13 Chess pieces
- 14 Arablan garment
- 15 Ante
- 16 Girl's name
- 17 Girl's name
- 18 Metric measure
- 19 Old time
- 20 Lenient
- 21 Indulgence
- 22 Groups of eight
- 23 Scottish sorrowful
- 24 Husk
- 25 Sick
- 26 Mother of the gods
- 27 Preposition
- 28 To appear
- 29 Volume
- 30 Scotch: so
- 31 Japanese statesman
- 32 To bring forth
- 33 Nook

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## D.E.I. ATTITUDE MARKED BY CALM DETERMINATION

**PUBLIC REACTION IN THE DUTCH EAST INDIES TO THE ALARMING RUMOURS OF THE LAST TWO DAYS HAS BEEN AN ATTITUDE OF CALM DETERMINATION, STATED BATAVIA RADIO YESTERDAY.**

"There can be no doubt whatever as to the attitude of the Dutch East Indies Government," said the announcer.

"They will do all in their power to maintain peace in the Pacific but should honour or interest demand it they would not hesitate to defend both."

The trade negotiations with Japan were being reopened and a meeting was arranged for yesterday between the Japanese consul-general in Batavia and members of the Japanese trade delegation and Jonkheer van Hooftstraeten, who is conducting the negotiations on behalf of the Dutch East Indies.

A REASONABLE REQUEST BY JAPAN WOULD BE ACCED TO, ADDED THE ANNOUNCER, BUT UNREASONABLE DEMANDS WOULD BE MET WITH A FIRM REFUSAL. — REUTER.

## STREET GUARDS SWORN IN

HAVING COMPLETED A SHORT COURSE IN THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL, 141 STREET GUARDS LINED UP IN THE CENTRAL POLICE COURT YESTERDAY TO TAKE THE OATH BEFORE MR. H. G. SHELTON, K.C., HONG KONG'S FIRST MAGISTRATE.

Some 500 Street Guards have been recruited and the second batch started their training yesterday.

The Street Guards will be under the direct control of the Commissioner of Police and will be recognised by their grey uniforms with red braid trimmings.

## 620 INDIANS LOST IN SEA WAR

Altogether 620 Indian Lascars have been killed as a result of enemy action, according to official information released in New Delhi yesterday, says Reuter.

## MORE ITALIAN PRISONERS

A further 3,000 Italian prisoners from North Africa arrived in Bombay yesterday, says a Reuter despatch from that port.

## HURRICANE HAVOC IN PORTUGAL

It was estimated in Lisbon yesterday that 78 were killed in the hurricane that swept Portugal at the week-end. Twenty deaths occurred in Lisbon alone.

Madeira was also struck by the hurricane, damage there being estimated at about 80,000 contos, which is equal to £800,000.

In Portugal strenuous attempts are being made to restore communications and a section of the 1939 class of army telegraphists have been called to the colours to repair damage to telephone and telegraph wires throughout the country. — Reuter.

## JAPANESE FINED

A Japanese, Zenosuke Hara, 40, described as an accountant, residing at No. 58, Kennedy Road, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, with a breach of the Defence Regulations, by conveying 11 letters into the Colony, otherwise than through the post.

Detective-Sergeant Brooks, of the Special Branch, who prosecuted, said defendant was seen on board a junk lying off Wanchai, Praya, on Monday morning.

Defendant had in his possession a packet containing 11 letters, all of them commercial and private letters.

Defendant admitted that the letters were taken from a trawler from Formosa recently. A fine of \$50 was imposed.

## BOMBING DANUBE ICE BARRIERS

The Danube has burst its banks and 30,000 people have been evacuated from their homes after the waters of the swollen river burst through the protective dykes 30 miles below Budapest, says a despatch to the official French news agency at Vichy yesterday.

Engineers had made desperate efforts to keep the waters back but in the end the whole region had to be abandoned.

A second "line of defence" has been formed about 12 miles from the Danube, a railway embankment being used.

Military aircraft, meanwhile, are bombing masses of ice which are stopping the flow of the river. — Reuter.

## 32,000 Flee

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Dynamiting and bombs dropped from planes in order to blast the large masses of ice in the Danube were not particularly successful and the water is continually rising.

Several areas have been evacuated and upwards of 30,000 people are fleeing to the cities. — International News Service.

## SHOP ASSISTANT ACQUITTED

D. S. MANGHARAM, SHOP ASSISTANT, WAS DISCHARGED BY MR. G. T. LOWRY THIS MORNING, WHEN FOUND NOT GUILTY OF EMBEZZLEMENT.

Mr. M. A. da Silva, for the defendant, told the Court that the money involved was paid for delayed rental of complainant's shop.

Defendant was employed by the Mrs. Advani as an accountant. He left recently because of some misunderstanding.

After accused had left, Mrs. Advani went over the account book, and discovered three sums of money drawn from the bank without details.

The prosecution believed defendant's story and case was dismissed.

## BROKER GAOLED

Three months' hard labour was imposed on Lai San, 31, broker, by Mr. H. G. Shelton, K.C., this morning, for obtaining money by false pretences.

Defendant was alleged to have obtained \$81.63 from customers of a firewood store, by collecting the money with forged receipts.



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## RUSSIA—NEUTRAL BROKER?

The spectacle of continuing Russian-Nazi co-operation tends to produce concern wherever totalitarianism is feared or opposed. It tends also to screen the political friction which exists between those two States and which is exacerbated by Nazi pressure on Slav peoples in the Balkans. Negotiations over trade, such as those held recently, can be entered into at any time without raising political issues, yet they serve as an opportunity for each party to sound out the political attitudes of the other.

Had there been nothing of a commercial nature to discuss, the talks still might have taken place. But there evidently was something of a commercial nature that required examination.

Germany now needs more than it expected to need when the last commercial agreement was reached with the Soviets. Harvests in the Danubian area, Europe's principal granary, have been reduced by untoward weather and by diversion of man and mule power from the soil to wartime activities. The British blockade has exerted cumulative pressure on German economy, depriving it of key materials with which to make use even of many materials which Germany possesses.

One way in which Russia might enlarge its trade with Germany is suggested in reports of negotiations between the Soviet Union and the Argentine Government. The Argentine Minister of Agriculture is quoted as saying Argentina is ready to sell to anybody who wants to buy. Thus "neutral" Russia may attempt to play the part of a big neutral broker between the "new order" and the New World.

This possibility is already being dealt with, apparently, by British efforts to divert Argentine foodstuffs to Spain. It is not improbable that the United States can also play an effective part in reducing supplies that might reach Germany through Russia.

IN the Atlantic theatre of war the Germans for the moment retain the initiative and are on the offensive; the British are still compelled to a defensive attitude for the most part.

Remembering the principle that there are only two ways to attack either a fortress or a country—assault or blockade—it is now clear that the Germans have, for the time being at least, given up the idea of assault and are concentrating on blockade to reduce British resistance. Assault involves actual penetration of the island of Great Britain, and the seizing and the holding of so many of its vital centres and interior communications as to compel its surrender.

Great Britain being an island and the British Navy being in command of the sea to an extent which the Germans cannot hope to overcome, it would always be necessary for the Germans to counterbalance this British sea command by sufficient air superiority of their own to permit the passage of German troops across the narrow waters of the Channel and their disembarkation on British shores. The German experiences in the Skagerrak with operations of this sort apparently gave them an exaggerated opinion of air power's potentialities in such operations; they did not sufficiently allow for the respective distances from bases which was in their favour in the Skagerrak, but is in Britain's favour now. Distance is indeed the most important single factor in assessing the ability of air power to perform a given task.

It must, therefore, be assumed that in default of a future gaining of air superiority by the Germans—which does not appear likely—any German invasion

attempt would be an indication of a degree of desperation in German inner councils rather beyond such surface indications as are now available.

As present, at any rate, the Germans are concentrating on blockade—or, we may say, counter-blockade—of the island of Great Britain. For this they have obtained admirable positions, far better than those they had in the last war, while Britain's position is far worse, since she lacks any point of support on the French coast or in Eire. The Germans have access to the open Atlantic

By MAJOR FIELDING ELLIOTT

both north of the British Isles (in Norway) and the south of them (in France).

They hold, indeed, the whole coast of Europe from North Cape to the Spanish frontier. Their access to the Atlantic from Norway is somewhat impeded by the British occupation of Iceland and the Faroes, but long nights and bad weather undoubtedly enable raiders and blockade runners to slip through. If this were all, however, the danger would not be so great. The real danger lies to the south, where French bases on the Channel and the Bay of Biscay are now nests for German submarines, closely supported by aircraft.

It is in this combination of submarine and aeroplane, in which the plane finds for the submarine prey and helps in attacking it, that the real danger lies. While shipping losses have not yet risen to the levels of the black months of 1917, they are sufficiently disquieting; and it is clear that no satisfactory answer to this combination has yet been evolved.

Certainly, whatever new devices, Britain is, at the moment, sadly short of both surface escort vessels and of long-range seaplanes and flying-boats; and she will need also additional merchant tonnage to make up for the losses. I should, however, venture the guess that the Admiralty would value above every other gain which they might be offered the right to use the bases of Eire in carrying out counter-measures.

The reason for this statement will be clear from a glance at a map. While the Germans hold the French coastline, the Channel is

not much use for ocean convoys; and the Channel ports will be under constant air attack. It will also be difficult to use the western approaches, so that for all practical purposes the supplies of Britain must be carried on by ships coming by way of the northern approaches, reaching from the north of Ireland, the ports of the Clyde, the Mersey, and the Bristol Channel; and other ports on the West Coast.

A convoy may occasionally slip through around the north of Scotland, but this is dangerous also, while German guns and mines at the Strait of Dover cut off access to the East Coast from that direction.

Save for coastal trade, the East Coast may be counted out for the time being. These conditions make the waters on the west of Scotland and the north of Ireland a happy hunting ground for German submarines and their aerial assistants, since this is the great focal area of traffic. The task of British ships and planes in dealing with them would be immensely simplified

if the northern and western Eire bases were available. Moreover, were Berehaven and Queenstown in British hands, it might be possible to give some protection to convoys coming through the western approaches, thus dividing the enemy's forces and increasing the mathematical chances of any particular convoy coming safely to port.

As for the German bombing attacks now being directed against British ports and industrial centres, it is to be noted that these are all part of a blockade programme—that is, an attack directed against communications.

The necessary concentration of British shipping activities at west coast ports permits the enemy likewise to concentrate his efforts. Even when these are directed at industrial areas such as Birmingham and Coventry, they are still part of the blockade scheme—the ultimate purpose of which is to prevent overseas supplies being translated into British war material.

It is, however, to be noted that for the most part German bombing attacks are taking place at night. In their day attacks their losses have proved to be prohibitive. Night attacks are much more difficult to stop by defensive means now available, though others may be presently perfected.

No form of attack has yet been devised by man against which a defence was not found in time. Moreover, night attacks necessarily reduce the accuracy of bombing, which reduces the chance of damage to individually important targets.

Meanwhile, Britain is effectively maintaining the grip of her own seaborne on Germany and German-conquered territory. In a military sense it is the relaxation of this blockade by capture or destruction of its bases in the island of Great Britain which is the principal German objective at the moment. That island also serves as a base for the British counter-offensive by air against German industries and military centres, which is having its effect upon the German war effort.

This counter-offensive has from the beginning been largely confined to night bombing, and has been handicapped by the greater average distance to German centres from British bases than from presently held German bases to British centres. However, if the British have no effective counter-agent to the night bomber, neither have the Germans; and the superior technique of the R.A.F. counts for much.

It may be suggested that the first belligerent to discover such a counter-agent will possess an enormous advantage in point of time. Time is indeed a factor of the greatest importance in this war. In the long run, if Britain can—as now seems probable—hold out through the winter, the spring will bring with it the beginning of a gradual change in Britain's favour as far as air power is concerned.

This is by reason of the fact that the vast industrial capacity of the United States, added to that of the Dominions, will begin to weight the scales in favour of Britain.

Germany neither has, nor can acquire, any distant armories such as these, out of reach of direct attack. If the products of those distant plants can be assured of reaching the embattled British island, they should begin, as spring arrives, to increase British security against air attack, while increasing the power of her counter-offensive against Germany.

For the moment, then, the chief task of Britain is to keep her great island base secure and keep its communications with North America and the rest of the outer world open.

The chief task of Germany must be to reduce that base or isolate it before its offensive possibilities can be fully exploited to back up the effect of the British sea blockade.

Weighing all factors, favourable and unfavourable, a considered judgment, based on the best military information available in England, must conclude that while the chief danger is to the British sea communications, chances seem in favour of Britain in this immediate contest. Those chances would be enhanced almost to the point of certainty (if anything can be certain in war) by the acquisition of the Irish bases by Britain; or by a serious embroilment of Germany in an eastern or south-eastern theatre of war, or both.

The latter possibility is largely bound up with the progress of events in the Mediterranean area.

## Cards On The Table

In a recent article I expressed some scepticism about the idea broached by certain military experts that Hitler would seek to help Mussolini in his adversity, either by a drive through Bulgaria to the Turkish frontier or through Yugoslavia to Salonika. Goebbels had just rather pointedly announced that the thorough German always made the most careful preparations before delivering one of his smashing blows; and it seemed highly improbable that his chief would so far depart from this principle as to commit himself to an improvised expedition through difficult country, with possibly hostile populations, in the depths of winter. I suggested instead that he would seek to help his partner in a different way—by intensifying his bombing of British cities so as to prevent us from sending aircraft to the help of Greece, and by increasing his attacks on British shipping, so as to prevent us from sending warships to the Mediterranean.

Moreover, apart from the plight of Italy, a general speeding-up may well be a German necessity. If the oil situation is not immediately urgent, there is at least sufficient doubt whether German and still more, Italian supplies of petrol and lubricating oils would suffice to carry through the long war which we are prepared to fight. Again, to have something to show the German people, who have to stomach the disagreeable fact that, instead of ending in triumph last September, as they were led to expect, the war still has no end in sight, may also be for him highly desirable.

### The New Phase

The evidence now leaves little doubt that this is the new phase of the war decreed from Berlin. It has been compared with the dangerous emergency of April, 1917, but there are differences as well as similarities between the two occasions. The sinkings, reported in recent weeks are by no means up to the level of 1917, and the problem they present is not the same as that which confronted us in that year. Then we were groping about for the means of countering the submarine, and in a serious uncertainty whether we should find it in time. Now we are in no doubt about the means, and our uncertainty, if any, is only about the sufficiency of them at our disposal to deal as forcibly and promptly with the danger as we should wish.

The other side of the comparison is equally important. In 1917 the U-boat could find its way into the Atlantic only through the bottle-neck of the Straits of Dover or round the north coast of

Scotland; now it has the French ports at its disposal, and can proceed straight from these into the Western seas. Then, as in the early months of this war, we had the French Fleet to help us in tracking down the enemy; now we have to do the whole business

By J. A. Spender

single-handed, with the further handicap that the use of the Irish naval bases is denied to us.

It is, perhaps, surprising that we have not suffered more under these disabilities than we actually have in the last five months. I well remember the anxious anticipations in March, 1918, when we had to face the possibilities that the Channel ports would fall into German hands. They were far gloomier than the worst we have suffered in these months. Whatever befalls, we can keep a good heart over this business, and, with the assurance given in Parliament recently that it is under the Prime Minister's special supervision, resist all temptation to go hunting for scapegoats.

In these circumstances it seems to me that we owe it to our friends everywhere, but especially in the United States, to explain to them exactly the position in which we are placed. When Lord Lethbridge-Stewart returned to America opened up the question of credits for Britain; there were some in this country who shook their heads and blamed him for a supposed indiscretion in this delicate matter. That was not at all the view taken in America. There he was thanked for his frankness in "laying the cards on the table."

### Time For Frankness

But they were not quite all the cards; or, at least not those which we should most wish to catch American eyes at this moment. We are not seriously troubled about the questions of money and credit which may arise between us and the United States in the course of next year. We feel in our bones that the American people, with their generous sympathies for our cause and the conviction that it is also their cause and bound up with their security, will find a way through Johnson Acts and Neutrality Acts, or any other formal obstacles which would reduce these high matters to the level of cash and carry. But since they invite and welcome frankness, we need feel no hesitation in explaining to them that what we most need at this moment is the quick delivery of planes, ships, and all supplies which may help us to provide sufficient escorts and their equipment for our convoys; and so enable us to meet the German

speeding-up with a corresponding effort on our side. *Bis dat qui cito dat* is the motto for the hour.

Two things may be decided soon. First, whether the war is to be greatly prolonged and an even wider spread given to its destructiveness; and, second, whether we can spare enough from our own necessities to give the Greeks the aid we greatly desire to give them and which, given in time, may procure a decision in the war with Italy. There is a general consensus on both these matters in the United States.

### The Door Open

For the last three months the leaders of both the American parties have been telling their supporters that the British command of the Atlantic is almost as vital, if not quite as vital, an American interest as British, and both these parties have made the increase and speeding-up of aid to Britain a principal plank in their platforms. Nowhere than in the United States has there been a warmer or more generous sympathy with the Greeks in their heroic battle. We are not, therefore, forcing an entry into American politics but walking through an open door, if we seek at this moment to give precision and practical direction to these agreed conclusions.

In the last three months the British and American peoples have come as near as possible to realising President Wilson's ideal of "open diplomacy." A great and stimulating debate has gone forward on the platform and in the Press of both countries, and President Roosevelt has come to rank with our own Prime Minister as one of the great educators and leaders of world opinion. But we have both had to realise that there is a gap between the acceptance of general principles by leaders and the realisation by the mass of the people of the action which is needed to give effect to them. Frank speaking on that subject is a necessary part of the democratic method.

British and American relations are on a footing on which we hardly think of them as diplomacy. The Americans are not watching and weighing and trying distractedly to make up their minds whether we or the Germans are going to win—which is the groundwork of diplomacy in Europe to-day. They have wholeheartedly given their vote to Britain and pledged themselves to send her all possible aid short of war. In dealing with America we are saved from the obscurities and complexities which make it so difficult to understand the European situation at any given moment.





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# EYE-WITNESS STORY OF RAID ON TRIPOLI

DETAILS OF THE Fleet Air Arm attack on the harbour of Tripoli are given in an eye-witness account by the Exchange Telegraph Company's special correspondent with the Mediterranean Fleet. He describes how, for the second time in a fortnight, the Fleet Air Arm struck heavily at a distant Italian base.

The attack was carried out in the early hours during a periodic routine sweep of the Eastern and Central Mediterranean. Quays, warehouses, and shipping were heavily "plastered," he states, and many fires caused. He writes:

By the dim light of the moon in its last quarter we watched toy balloons, with lights attached floating up from an aircraft-carrier to test the wind. Then the heavily laden bombers took off and vanished into the gloom. A period of watchful tension followed, since such moonlight as there was rendered us liable to a bombing or air-torpedo attack. Time passed slowly as all eyes trained towards the direction of the coast. Suddenly the skyline was lit by bursting anti-aircraft shells and by flames dropped by our planes. Then a big burst of flame shot up. It seemed as though a petrol dump had been set alight.

#### All Back

Muffled up and sipping cocoa, we watched from the bridge in the gathering light and counted the aircraft as they circled preparatory to landing. Slowly the number mounted until the last came in, and the cry went up "All back safely." In a short time we were away on a different course.

Later we were told that the quay had been well plastered with medium and heavy bombs and at least one warehouse destroyed. In addition one ship was hit by three bombs. Fires were seen still burning when we were sixty miles away.

While Admiral Sir James Somerville's forces have been purging the Western Mediterranean, chasing and endeavouring to give battle to the Italian fleet, our Eastern forces have likewise been seeking an engagement, sweeping the whole of the Eastern and Central Mediterranean. Now, as we are about to enter harbour, it can be said that throughout the seven days we have just spent at sea we met with no opposition at all apart from a few seconds of bombing in Greek waters. During that time we escorted convoys in all directions in addition to enabling the Fleet Air Arm to carry out the bombing attack on Tripoli. All the time we were zigzagging and doubling on our tracks in order not to outrun the slow-moving convoys.

This is the second such period this month during which I personally have seen proof of how futile is the Italian boast of "mare nostrum." Inexorably Britain is showing herself the master of Italy in all three spheres in this Mediterranean struggle. Under water more than a score of her submarines have been sunk, in the air her shadowing planes have been knocked down and her fighter formations broken up and driven off, while on the sea her battle fleet is suffering further casualties and refuses to give battle. And all the time our own steady flow of men and material continues through this highway which Italy chooses to call her own.

#### An Alarm

On this trip we slipped out of harbour one morning while the city was still asleep, and later, with land far out of sight, I stood on the bridge of one of the famous victors of actions in the Mediterranean. Looking down, I could see our paravanes cutting through the water on either side like white-bellied sharks.

Suddenly, approaching aircraft were reported and the ships immediately broke into loose formation. All eyes focussed on one portion of the sky. But no attack materialised and we resumed normal formation. The remainder of the morning passed without incident apart from a distant glimpse of two aircraft.

Dusk brought further excitement when one of our warships claimed to have sighted a sub-

marine on the surface and suddenly opened fire on it. From our position the shells, showing up against the darkening clouds like tracer bullets, could be clearly seen, while fountains of water thrown up as they exploded were silhouetted against the orange sunset. So night fell and, blacked out and battered down ready for any action, we continued through the darkness.

The following morning we were in Greek waters, and I had my first glimpse of Suda Bay, with its white-washed houses nestling at the foot of slopes covered with olive trees and mist shrouding the mountains in the background. British Army lorries could be seen winding their way across the hills, while a gigantic Red Cross painted on its roof rendered a large hospital unmistakable.

The peace of this tranquil scene was suddenly shattered as we were about to depart by the explosion of four bombs dropped near us from a tremendous height. All fell into the sea without causing damage, and the raider quickly made off in the clouds. Throughout the afternoon and evening we proceeded on the alert for further bombings, but none came.

The third morning brought a further flutter of excitement with the sighting of apparently hostile aircraft, but we continued without incident until we noticed a destroyer ahead firing on a floating, khaki-coloured mine. We passed close enough to see its evil-looking horns as it tossed about in the waves with bullets from the circling destroyer kicking up the water all around. A few minutes later another mine on the port side was similarly dealt with by destroyers.

That afternoon our anti-aircraft guns were in action for the first time when a Cant "shadower" aircraft was sighted and driven off. Around tea-time came the news that the aircraft-carrier would carry out a bombing attack on the naval base of Tripoli early the following morning and that certain forces, including ourselves, would "cover" the action. With nightfall we put on speed in the direction of Tripoli. Zero hour seemed to approach slowly as we took up positions for the planes to take off for the bombardment.

#### "No Fun"

With this operation successfully accomplished, the fourth day found us rejoining our other units. Throughout the day we awaited Italian revenge for the bombing of Tripoli as we cruised up and down the Central Mediterranean carrying out certain operations before we could turn for home. But we were not menaced by anything more alarming than heavy black clouds which quickly turned the blue Mediterranean into a bleak North Sea with a deluge of rain.

Well into the fifth day, when more than twenty-four hours had passed entirely without incident, the captain remarked, "We would even welcome a Cant to shoot at in order to break the monotony," while a few minutes previously a disconsolate bearded sailor remarked to me "You must be a Jonah, sir. We haven't had any fun since you have been aboard."

Then came the news that the enemy fleet was out. Faces brightened as we waited to hear the locality, but news was scarce owing to the necessity of keeping the wireless silent. We heard that Admiral Sir James Somerville's forces had made contact at long range, but that the enemy had

### CAMOUFLAGED CEMETERY BEAT THE CENSOR

"Oh, for a good soft bed in Pine Crest," writes an Ottawa soldier held prisoner by the Nazis after—as probably ordered—praising treatment and food.

What the prison camp censor would not know is that Pine Crest is one of the best known cemeteries in the Canadian capital.

### HOUNDS AND GUIDES HUNT NAZI

Police with blood-hounds, mountain guides and shepherds are hunting over an area of 300 square miles for a young German airman who gained a name at the prison camp from which he escaped for his impeccable manners and his well-groomed appearance.

Now, after four days of freedom, it is expected that the spruce young officer is like a wild man of the woods, for the police believe he is hiding in the woods and living on berries and anything else he can find among the trees.

Franz von Werra, who is twenty-six, was a frequent visitor to the north-west in the days before the war, and it is in this area that the police are concentrating their search.

They believe that Von Werra's knowledge of the district may have taken him into little-frequented places where only blood-hounds or experienced mountain guides will be able to find him.

altered course and was making for home. We cursed our luck that it had not happened the previous day, for we were now too far from the scene of action to join in the chase. There was nothing for it but to carry on with our job, while an escorting destroyer viciously proceeded to pour round after round into another floating mine. We had to rest content with what news of the action we learned from the London wireless bulletin.

After sighting the island of Crete on the sixth morning at sea we passed without incident through a notorious stretch of water known as "Bomb Alley," which until recently was an unfailing source of attention by Italian bombers from the Dodecanese.

We have two cinema projectors aboard, and as we sailed down "Bomb Alley" the men were entertained in the "Plaza Cinema" on the covered deck with Walt Disney's "Ferdinand the Bull," "Pinocchio," and other films while the ship's tabby cat, Horace, slept peacefully in his own miniature hammock slung between table legs.

The seventh day also passed entirely uneventfully, and in two or three hours we shall again be in harbour, having covered some two thousand miles without so much as being splashed by an Italian bomb.



# GERMAN MOVE INTO BULGARIA

## Not Believed Imminent In Turkey

### CRYPT SONGS GO ON

#### As St. Martin's Is Hit By Bomb

Six hundred people were singing "Annie Laurie" in the crypt of St. Martin - in the - Fields when a bomb fell and damaged what is London's most famous church in a recent raid.

The whole place shook. Clouds of dust filled the crypt, but there was no panic.

After barely three seconds' pause the pianist continued playing, and the song went on with perhaps a shade more volume.

A prayer of thankfulness for their escape was said, and soon afterwards everyone was asleep.

The bomb tore a hole in the church pavement, crashing through the railings on the south side. It blew in or damaged all the windows on that side, pitted the church wall, and wrecked an office next to the crypt. No one was hurt, but a woman at a bus stop outside was killed.

#### Door Pushed In

The stained-glass figure of Christ in the great window above the altar was decapitated, and daylight now shows through the raiment of the praying Apostles. But there was little other damage.

Below ground the door of the crypt verger's room was pushed off its hinges by falling bricks from the wrecked office.

But the records of 10,000 needy men and women who had been given assistance were left intact.

#### Strong Pillars

The Rev. G. L. Davey, curate-in-charge, said to a reporter: "The building has stood the shock amazingly well. We shall get the experts to see whether the structure has been damaged at all.

"On the face of it, it seems that it has not. Those massive pillars in the vaults will stand a very great deal. A modern building struck in the same way would probably have tumbled down."

St. Martin's is 200 years old. It was revealed that the Royal College of Surgeons in Lincoln's Inn and the Swedish Church at Rotherhithe have also been damaged in recent raids.

Among other buildings bombed are Coventry Cathedral and St. Mary's Hall, Coventry.

Incendiary bombs fell on Birmingham Cathedral in a recent raid and the roof was almost stripped by fire. The fire service saved the interior and the main structure. The famous Burne-Jones windows had been removed to safe storage.

### FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:

Mr. Chen Lun Shin, of No. 187, Hennessy Road and Miss Chong Lai Kun, of No. 12 Morrison Hill Road.

Mr. Cheng Chung Tak, clerk, of No. 148, Tunglowan Road and Miss Cheung Wai Ching, of No. 80, Tunglowan Road.

Mr. Ho Kwok Shing, merchant, of No. 17, Waterloo Road, and Miss Yung Chun Ching, of No. 36, Apilu Street.

## But Nazi Military Preparations Continue

**GERMAN MILITARY PREPARATIONS INSIDE BULGARIA INCLUDE THE STRENGTHENING OF RAIL BRIDGES AND ROADS AND THE LAYING DOWN OF PETROL DUMPS, ACCORDING TO RELIABLE SOURCES IN ANKARA YESTERDAY.**

**A German move into Bulgaria, however, is not regarded as imminent in Turkish circles.**

The opinion is held in Ankara that the Germans are conducting a "war of nerves" and will continue to do this until military preparations are completed. Turkish opinion concerning the whole Balkan situation remains calm.

IT IS POINTED OUT IN ANKARA THAT THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE YUGOSLAVS HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO COLLABORATE IN OR FACILITATE GERMAN SCHEMES IN THE BALKANS.

A question pertinently asked is why should Yugoslavia facilitate a German attack on Greece which would have for object the restoration of Italian power in the Adriatic?—Reuter.

## CHINESE ORDER OF MERIT

The National Government has promulgated regulations governing the awards of orders of merit.

In addition to Tsai Yu Hsun Chang (Order of the Brilliant Jade) which has been awarded on previous occasions, four new orders of merit are listed, namely, Tsai Yu Ta Hsun Chang (Grand Order of the Brilliant Jade), Changshan Hsun Chang (Chungshan Order), Ching Yun Hsun Chang (Order of the Lucky Clouds), and Ching Hsing Hsun Chang (Order of the Auspicious Star.)

The Grand Order of the Brilliant Jade is worn by the Chairman of the National Government, and may be conferred upon the Chief Executive of friendly countries.

The Chungshan Order, the Order of the Lucky Clouds and the Order of the Auspicious Star may be conferred upon Chinese who have performed meritorious services to the State while the Order of the Lucky Clouds and the Order of the Auspicious Star may also be conferred upon people of friendly countries who have performed meritorious services to China.

With the exception of special awards, the orders will be conferred on New Year Day or revolutionary anniversary days.

A Merits Examination Committee composed of 11 to 15 members will be formed. The Ministers of Interior, Foreign Affairs, and Personnel and the Chairman of the Commission on Overseas Affairs will be ex-officio members.—Central News.

## CATHEDRAL BURNED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Damage done in Spain as a result of the hurricane which struck the Iberian peninsula includes the famous Cathedral at Santanda which has been ravaged by fire.

Many thousands are homeless in both Portugal and Spain and the extent of the damage cannot be yet estimated.—International News Service.

## RAIDERS GET HOT RECEPTION

Three German raiders who crossed the East Anglian coast yesterday were given a hot reception by a squadron of Spitfires, states the Air Ministry news service.

One JU88 was destroyed and one JU88 and one DO17 damaged. Two sergeant pilots who had never shot down an enemy machine before shared the destruction of the JU88 which crashed into the sea. They attacked the raider individually until both had exhausted their ammunition, then they flew alongside the crippled bomber until it fell into the sea.

A squadron leader and another sergeant pilot took part in attacks on the other two raiders. The DO17 released its bombs at random when intercepted and the pilot turned round and made out over the North Sea. The damaged JU88 was last seen heading out over the North Sea with small chance of reaching its base.—British Wireless.

## A.R.P. MEN ON LOOTING CHARGE

Three A.R.P. workers were at Old Street remanded on bail for a week on a charge of being concerned in stealing a box containing 100 tins of sardines from premises damaged by war operations. They were described as James Lockhart (53), of Whiston Road, Shoreditch; William Maurice Amner (40), of Boston Street, Hackney Road; and Albert Victor James Steward (31), of Lowther House, Lee Street, E.

## PRESIDENT OF CHINA'S SUPREME COURT

Mr. Li Po, newly-appointed President of the Supreme Court, was sworn in at the National Government Headquarters yesterday morning. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek personally officiated at the ceremony while Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government, was also present.—Central News.

## U.S. FLEET MOVE REPORT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") PART OF THE UNITED STATES ASIATIC FLEET WILL SHORTLY PROCEED TO AUSTRALIA, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED IN FOREIGN CIRCLES IN SHANGHAI LAST NIGHT.—OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

## DE VALERA TAKES DEFENCE PRECAUTIONS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mr. Eamon de Valera has ordered the evacuation of Irish women and children from Dublin and Kingstown to the interior.—International News Service.

## SOVIET AND JAPAN TALK TRADE

The Soviet-Japanese trade negotiations, suspended since April, were formally resumed yesterday at the Commissariat of Foreign Trade in Moscow.

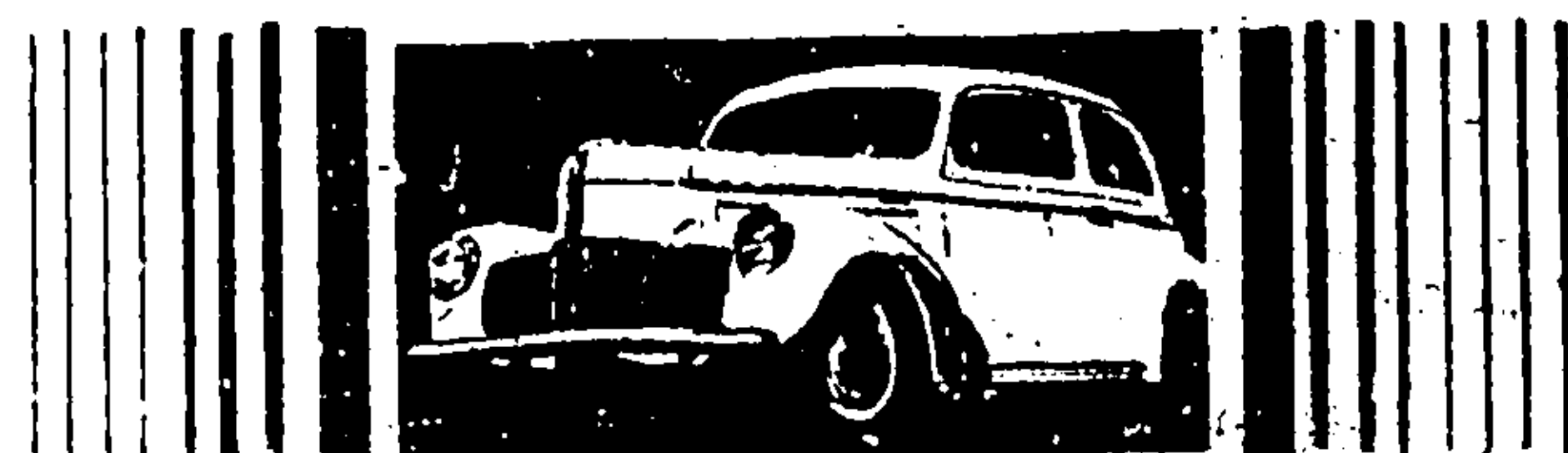
The Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Tatakawa, and the Counsellor of Embassy, Mr. Miyakawa, conferred with the Foreign Trade Commissar, M. Mikoyan, and his deputy, M. Kaganovitch, for an hour and a half.

It is recalled that the talks last year dragged on fruitlessly for four months.—Reuter.

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## THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held in the Jacobean Room of the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 15th March, 1941, at NOON for the following purposes, namely, to consider the annual statement of accounts and the balance sheet and the reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon, to elect directors and auditors in the place of those retiring, to declare a dividend, to appropriate the balance of Profit and Loss Account as recommended by the Directors, and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE is also given that the Share Transfer Registers will be closed from 1st March, 1941, to 15th March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,  
R. A. WICKERSON,  
Secretary & Manager  
Hong Kong, 14th Feb., 1941.

## PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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Monday, 17th February.

SECOND DAY—

Tuesday, 18th February.

THIRD DAY—

Wednesday, 19th February.

FOURTH DAY—

Saturday, 22nd February.

FIFTH DAY—

Saturday, 1st March.

The programme fixed for 15th February will be run off on MONDAY, 17th February, and the subsequent days' programmes in consecutive order.

On Monday, 17th, Tuesday, 18th, Wednesday, 19th, and Saturday, 22nd February, the first bell will be rung at 11.00 a.m., and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On Saturday, 1st March, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The tiffin interval will be after the fifth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

#### MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 9.45 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 11.45 a.m. ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, (Tel. 21920).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

#### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

#### SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 9th February, 1941.

## THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED

### Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on FRIDAY, the 28th February, 1941, at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 19th February, 1941, to Friday, the 28th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,

Secretary & Manager,  
Hong Kong, 12th Feb., 1941.

## BRIDGE NOTES

### THE RIGHT TRUMP SUIT

#### By The Four Aces

When the partnership hands contain two eight-card suits, they should usually prefer a 4-4 suit to a 5-3 suit. To-day's hand illustrates the point:

South, Dealer  
Neither side vulnerable

♠ 8 6 5 3  
♥ K J 6  
♦ K 5 2  
♣ Q 6 5

♠ Q 10 2  
♥ 7 3  
♦ Q J 10 4  
♣ K 9 7 4

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♠ J 4  
♥ 9 5 2  
♦ Q 8 6 3  
♣ J 8 3 2

♠ A K 9 7  
♥ A Q 10 8 4  
♦ A 7  
♣ A 10

The bidding:

| South | West | North | East |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1♥    | Pass | 2♥    | Pass |
| 2♠    | Pass | 3♥    | Pass |
| 6♣    | Pass | Pass  | Pass |

South has to bid the hand with a little spirit since his cards were almost good enough for an opening two-bid. But note that if he bids the Slam in spades, the 4-4 suit, he makes it without much trouble; but if he bids the Slam in hearts, the 5-3 suit, he is doomed to defeat.

Against six spades, West's most probable lead is the Queen of diamonds. South wins and lays down the Ace and King of trumps. Then he begins the hearts. West may ruff with the Queen of spades whenever he likes, but he cannot prevent South from discarding two clubs from dummy on the long hearts. Later on, South can ruff the ten of clubs with one of dummy's low spades.

Not so at six hearts. South can win the opening diamond lead and run his hearts if he likes; but discarding clubs from the dummy does him no good in this case, for dummy will not be able to ruff a club. Against correct defence South must lose a spade and a club, thus failing to make the Small Slam.

South foresaw some such possibility and therefore mentioned the spades after North's first response assured him of heart support. North's spade raise showed four-card spade support, and South properly chose spades as the trump suit for his Small Slam.

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Yesterday you were Merwin Males's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A Q J 10 6  
♥ K 8 5 3  
♦ Q J 7  
♣ 4

The bidding:

| You  | Jacoby | Males | Schenker |
|------|--------|-------|----------|
| Pass | Pass   | 1♥    | Pass     |
| (7)  |        |       |          |

ANSWER: Bid two spades. You have a fine fit for hearts and can guarantee a game if your partner has a sound opening bid. This jump shows strength of your hand despite your original pass.

Score: 100% for two spades; 80% for four hearts; 50% for three hearts.

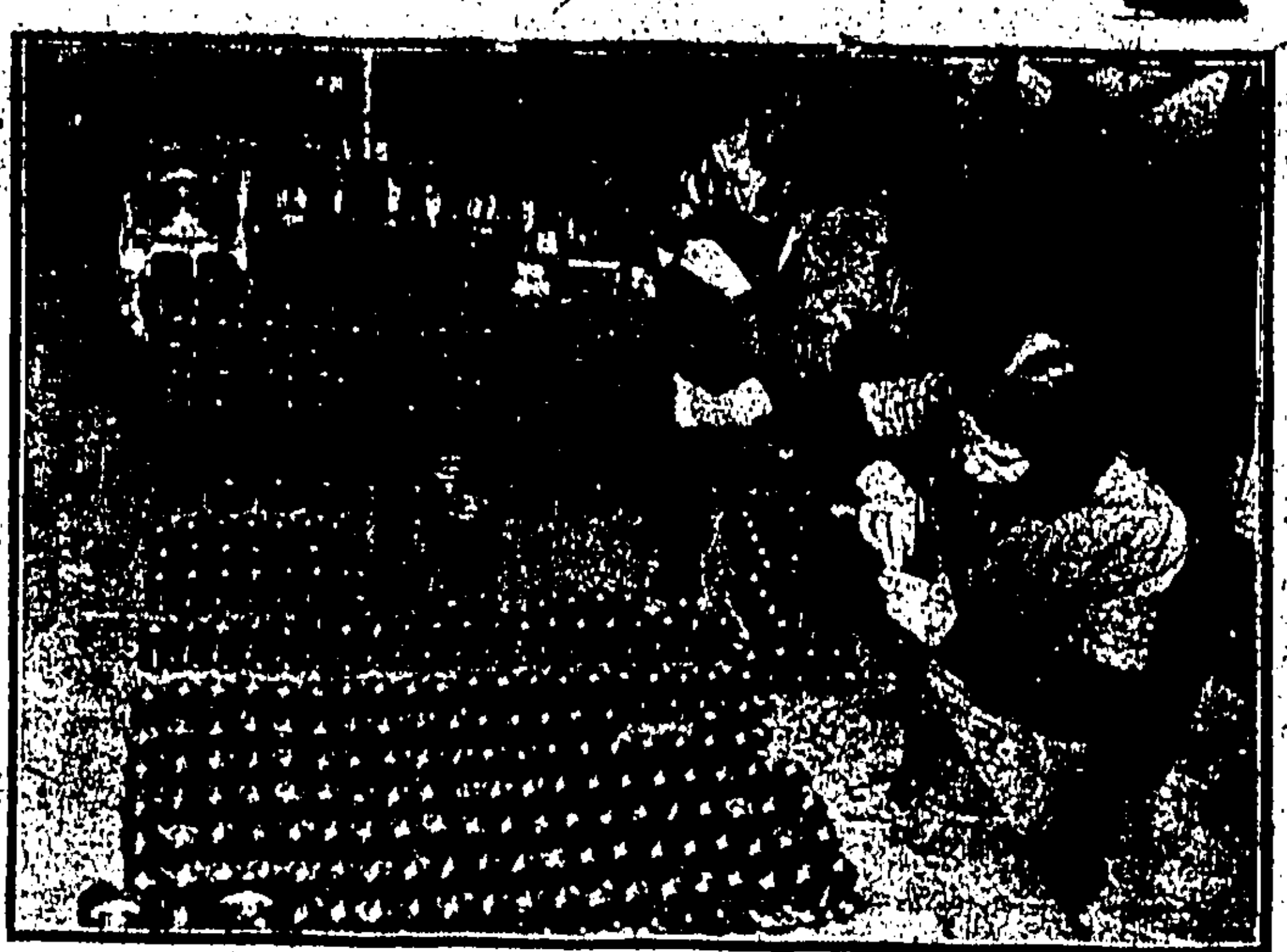
#### Question No. 642

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and you hold the above hand, but the bidding goes:

| You  | Males | Jacoby | Schenker |
|------|-------|--------|----------|
| Pass | Pass  | 1♥     | 2♠       |
| (7)  |       |        |          |

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)



There are over fifty parts in a binocular body, not counting the complicated lenses, of which there are fourteen sections in a pair of prismatic binoculars. This part of the work is done by girls, but many of the processes demand skilled craftsmanship. The Navy, the Army and the Air Force urgently need binoculars. They take a long time to make and the craftsman's skill is needed in other directions. Owners have been asked, therefore, to sell any private pair they may have to the Government. (Copyright, Fox).

## GLAD EYES HIT WAR OUTPUT

WOMEN ARE SHOWING more aptitude for munition work than men — as long as they do not work side by side with the men.

Managers of big factories find that when women and men work together the attention of the women wanders from their work.

They are more interested in talking to the men and making sure their noses are not shiny than in filling shells more quickly than their neighbour.

But when the women are working alone they are quicker at picking up their job, and much more eager to beat the output of their colleagues than are men.

"The speed of output falls when men and girls work side by side," the welfare manager of a large Essex firm engaged on Government work stated.

"The girls immediately become more interested in the men than in their work."

"They chat with the men and constantly powder their noses in case the foreman should fail to approve of a girl with a shiny nose."

"In actual fact this is ridiculous. We prefer girls who give us the greatest output."

#### Keen To Work

"No amount of eye-play directed at the foreman will help a girl towards a better job."

"Her good work alone does that. When girls work in the shops by themselves they are much quicker at their jobs."

"The munition girls are exceedingly keen on their work."

"But they like to pick and choose their particular job. When they have the one they want we find they are the finest workpeople we employ."

## ALLEGED PROFITEER

Summoned for selling two cwt. of second grade rice at 22 cents, four cents in excess of the price fixed by the Food Controller, Li Yi, master of a rice shop at No. 19 Argyle Street, appeared before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning. The summons was adjourned to Friday for hearing.

## FREE FRENCH FROM TAHITI

A contingent of Free French sailors has arrived in Australia from Tahiti and was received by the leader of the Free French movement.

The contingent comprises mostly young French patriots who will undergo training in Australia before going to England.—British Wireless.

## GAMBLING RAID

Charged with keeping a "Tse Fa" gambling house at No. 40, Bowring Street yesterday, Wu Kam, 34, shop keeper, and Leung Cheung, 29, crane operator, were each fined \$100 by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning. Two women, Cheng Sui-ying, and Chung San, had bail of \$5 each estrated.

A sum of \$32.10, picked up from the gambling table, was donated to the Poor Box.

Det. Sgt. H. J. Baldwin, prosecuting, said that the premises were raided at 10 p.m. last night.

## INDIANS VOLUNTEER

Many Indian pilots who have offered their services to the R.A.F. are hoping soon to join other Indian pilot officers who are now in training in Britain.

One of them is the young brother of one of the most experienced pilots among the first batch to reach England. This officer said the other day: "Before I left India my little brother—he is 23—came to me and said he had volunteered for the R.A.F."

"Why did you do that?" I asked him. "Well," he said, "supposing you get killed? Only supposing. Well, if you do, we want at least one member of our family fighting these damned Germans, don't we?"

## H.K. GIFT TO AIR RAID VICTIMS

THE BRITISH WAR ORGANISATION FUND HONG KONG BRANCH HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM THE RED CROSS AND ST. JOHN WAR ORGANISATION, LONDON:

"Your letter December 3rd very much regret now impossible obtain mobile canteens due difficulties procure material stop you would render greatest service if you agree £1,500 earmarked relief air raid victims."

It will be remembered that a sum of \$1,500 was remitted (on the 3rd December 1940) for the purchase of Mobile Canteens. In view of the above communication the Committee have cabled agreeing that the funds be diverted for the relief of air raid victims as suggested in the Red Cross cable.

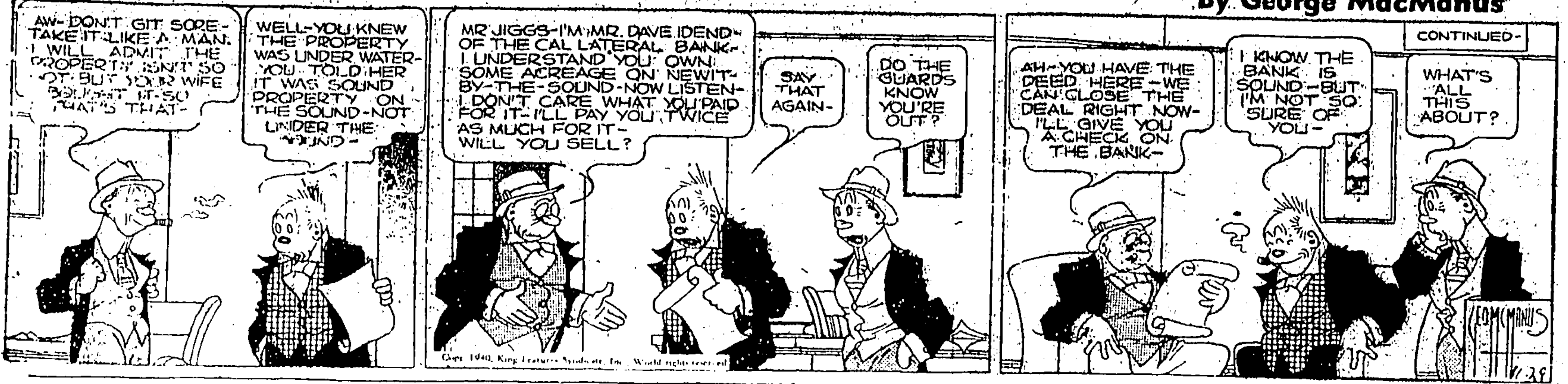
#### QUARANTINE OFF

Quarantine restrictions imposed by the Government of the Straits Settlements and Federated Malay States against arrivals from Hong Kong on account of cholera have been removed.



### Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN Bring Roses To The Cheeks

Too many young girls, especially rely on a rouge pot to get colour in their cheeks. Lovely natural colour should be in the cheeks from an abundance of good health which supplies the body with rich, red blood.

Iron, from foods, is a very essential mineral and it might be a good idea if you checked over your daily eating habits to determine if you consume sufficient iron to help supply you with energy and keep your blood adequately stocked with hemoglobin.

To quote a nutritionist hemoglobin is simply described thusly: "Woven into the cells of the body is the red part of the blood-the hemoglobin which gives your cheeks their colour and your body energy and life itself. It is this hemoglobin which picks up the oxygen from the air you breathe and disposes of the waste carbon dioxide. When there is an insufficient amount of iron in the blood, the hemoglobin becomes pale and inactive, and the blood itself is said to be 'anemic.' Gone are the roses from the cheeks, the energy and zest for living-the person becomes pallid, sickly, listless, a prey to infections."

### Memorise Your Iron Foods

If you want to be a beauty, and of course you do, you should learn which foods are high in iron. Each day eat of one or two iron foods.

Watercress-one Dried figs  
of the best Prunes  
Dandelion greens Peas  
Raisins Lentils  
Spinach Berries  
Calve's liver Ripe Olives  
Red and white Beets



Good health creates a beauty which is irresistible. This young girl's vitality makes it possible for her to be a successful model. Who could resist that ravishing smile and those bright eyes?

cabbage Lettuce—½  
Carrots head a day  
Onions  
Also bear in mind when buying or ordering vegetables that the dark green vegetables are the most

excellent source of vegetable iron—such as spinach, parsley, watercress, beet greens. In fact the fresh juices of spinach, parsley and watercress make the most beneficial skin tonics for pale people.

## WATCH That BLACK-OUT By MARY ROSE



some of it is made with a light facing.

When doors open straight out some kind of screen must be fitted to prevent the rays from shining on the ground. A screen, a wooden partition or a thick portiere are practicable.

Curtains should be full. They must hang well over the frame. If there are metal fittings, a wooden board or cardboard covered with black paper should be fitted at the top of the metal rail, so the shafts of light do not show at the top.

See that curtains which meet at the middle are fitted on double rails, or, failing that, they should have a good overlap which can be press-studded together. If curtains are tacked to the wooden frames at the sides there is no fear that careless pulling will leave a chink. Should you have single pull-right-across-the-window black-out curtains, best plan is to have them firmly tacked to the wooden frame at one side, and at nighttime tack the other side temporarily with drawing pins. It's a good plan to keep plenty of drawing pins handy.

Another way is to paste a thick strip of black paper at the sides and at the top of windows. This does well when windows are large but rather takes away from available light during the daytime, in the case of small windows.

### Let Sunshine Help

The sun is so vital to your good health that it might be said little good is drawn from the food you eat unless the valuable rays of the sun is allowed to penetrate your skin and help the millions of little important cells do their gigantic job of keeping you healthy. You should get into the sunshine every day winter and summer when the sun shines. You can live without so much sunshine it is true, but you will be a more ravishing beauty and a more healthy woman if you will let the sun help you!



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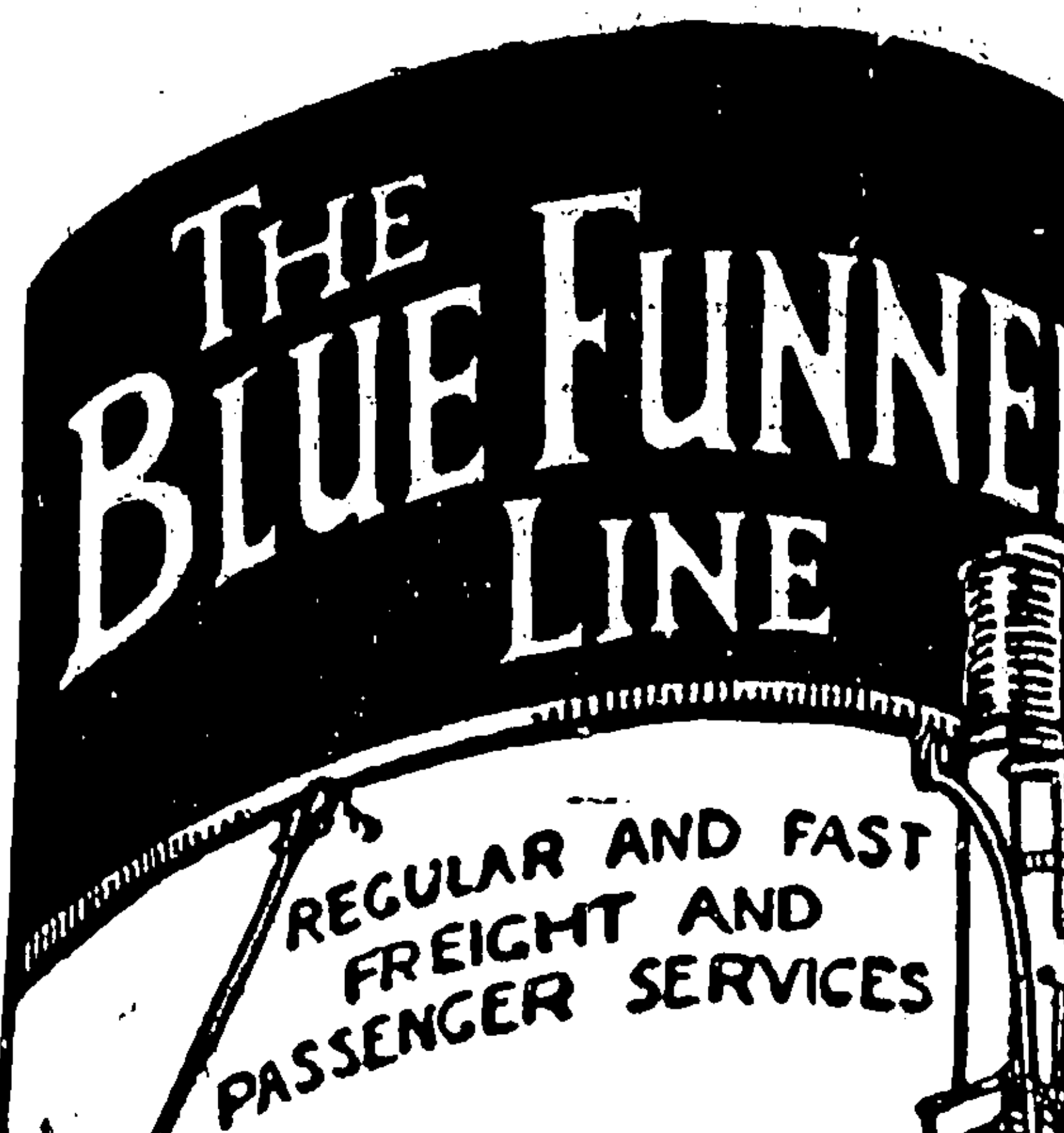
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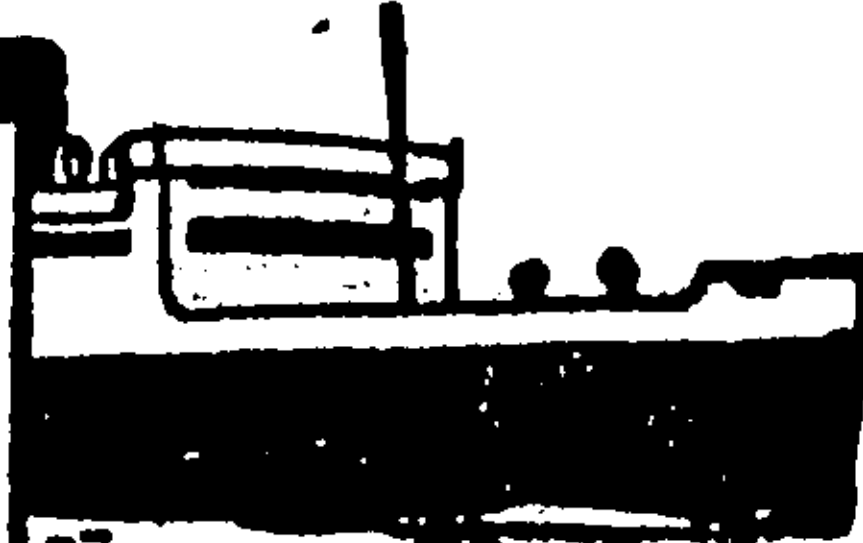
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1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.  
1.03 p.m.—Luigini—Ballet Egyptian.  
1.15 p.m.—Popular Ballads.  
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.  
1.45 p.m.—Film Selections.  
2.15 p.m.—Close down.  
5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.  
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.  
6.32 p.m.—Compositions of Weber.  
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Britain Speaks'.  
7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.  
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.  
8.03 p.m.—Schubert—Rondo in A Major.  
8.17 p.m.—Alfred Cortot playing Two Chopin Ballades.  
8.33 p.m.—Selections from Light Opera—Les Cloches de Corneville—Overture (Planquette); La Fille De Madame Angot—Overture (Lecocq); Vienna Symphony Orchestra.  
The Land of Smiles—Selection (Lehar); London Theatre Orchestra cond. by Ernest Irving.  
Chu Chin Chow—Selection (Norton); Gaumont British Orch. cond. by Louis Bevy.  
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.  
9.30 p.m.—Variety with Frances Day, William McCulloch, and The Hill Billies.  
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—Talks 'Spots Abroad'.  
10.15 p.m.—Dance Music.  
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

## THEY CALL HIM THE SAINT...

(By A LONDON CORRESPONDENT)

**DOWN IN THE EAST END** they call him the Saint. Men raise their hats to this tall and thin figure striding through the streets like a friendly hurricane, his monk's gown blown out behind him, and an old and tattered raincoat on his shoulders.

From Whitehall went high officials, headed by bulky Robert Boothby, Under-Secretary of State to the Ministry of Food, to pay tribute to this man whose work in the civilian front line has inspired the people of the East End.

Here is the story of the Saint, otherwise Father John Groser, as I heard it from the people among whom he works.

Their faith in him is touching. They told me with tears in their eyes that hardly has the sound of a falling bomb passed into the sky than Father Groser is on his way to the scene.

If there are trapped men and women to be rescued, his scrawny frame is to be seen among the debris, his strong arms tearing at stones and wood, while his voice cheers trapped and rescuers alike.

### They Wait For Him

Said one man: "It never seems to matter where the bomb falls, our Saint gets there with the first of the rescuers."

"You feel he is waiting round the corner for it to fall."

But Father Groser is a practical Saint, and the poor who spend their nights in the air raid shelters wait impatiently for his coming.

In the early days of the bombing he was shocked by the fact that so many of the poor went to the shelters hungry and left even more hungry.

His church had little money, and he had less. He bullied, he implored, he cajoled, striking at officials and private bodies alike until mobile canteens to suit his needs were secured.

Now every evening with a band of willing helpers he takes his canteens from shelter to shelter, giving food and drink.

### Feeds Them All

Tea is a penny a cup, sandwiches a penny each, if you have the money. If you haven't—well, Father Groser says: "Help yourself, I'll get the money somehow."

He feeds them all—Christians, Jews, Chinese, Moslems—without thought of creed or race.

He is there when they go to the shelter and there when they come out to give them his blessing for their souls and his food for their bodies.

He found an empty church hall, and in the night the homeless who have left the ruins of stone and mortar trek there. He feeds them, clothes them, shelters them until the local authorities can take charge.

Next to his church stood one built by people of a different creed. A bomb wrecked it. To its minister went Father Groser, saying: "Take my church, We'll make one do for both."

That is the story of Father Groser. Do you wonder that they call him the Saint?

## HE WENT TO WAR AT 13

Thirteen-year-old Anastasius Charlabopoulos, decorated front-line soldier of Greece, is in Athens on leave.

When Charlabopoulos, senior, was called to the front recently, young Anastasius decided the family would be insufficiently represented in the battle against the Italians.

So he hid himself in blankets going to the front line in a lorry.

He was detected at Koritza. The authorities managed eventually to persuade Anastasius to return to his family.

But they awarded him an honorary corporal's stripe and gave him the privilege of wearing a medal for his exploits.

Anastasius, interviewed with his three brothers at home, said firmly: "I intend to remain here for a holiday and return to the fighting line early next month."

## CHILDREN GUNNED

A Nazi bomber dived from low clouds over a south-east England village and bombed and machine-gunned children as they were leaving school.

It was an indefensible outrage, but only one man, a cyclist, was slightly wounded.

The attack was made on the play-ground as the children were dispersing and on a country lane along which some scholars and their mothers were dotted.

Bullets spattered along the road as the women and children were called back to school by teachers or took shelter under trees and in ditches.

The bombs fell wide and did little damage.

Barbara Carr, an apparently unruffled 14-year-old schoolgirl, said "I was just crossing the playground with a friend when we heard the plane zoom from the clouds. A moment later we heard the rat-tat-tat of machine-gun fire. Bullets hit the ground very near us."

Eye-witnesses were convinced that the machine-gunning of the children was deliberate.

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Daisy Elliott has just completed forty years as chimney sweep of Shamley Green Surrey.

He is the neatest sweep for miles around, and never soils the white "dickie" which he always wears. Though everyone calls him Daisy, nobody knows why.

His real name is Albert and he is in his seventy-first year. His wife always calls him Bert.

It is her pride to keep up her husband's reputation as a "white sweep," and she washes his white "dickies" to perfection.

Daisy remembers the days when sweeps were very black, so black that they never bothered to wash.

"The blackest sweep I ever saw," he says, "was called John Thomas."

"He used to climb inside the chimneys, so it wasn't any use for him to wash."

On Sundays Daisy functions in his back garden as the village barber, specialising in a nice haircut for twopenny or threepence according to the size of the job.

Only once in forty years has any rival chimney-sweep tried to set up shop in Shamley Green.

He lasted three days.



Lt. General Sir Ronald Adam, G.O.C.-in-C. Northern Command, inspecting home guards in his Command. (Copyright, Fox).

## A CREW'S FIRST RAID

So thorough is the training of our bomber crews that they can go into action for the first time with the complete confidence that they are technically ready for any task.

There was an example of a successful first encounter with the enemy recently.

A bomber, with an entirely new crew, was detailed to attack the aerodrome at Haamstede. Though the A.A. fire over the target area was so close and accurate that the observation panels of the bomber were smashed, the crew persisted in their attack and successfully dropped a stick of heavy bombs across the landing ground, one bomb bursting alongside a hangar. Six Mes. 109 were seen on the ground, and the British bomber circled for a second time and attacked them with machine-gun fire to such purpose that one Me. burst into flames and was destroyed.

## BANK SENSATION EXPLAINED

It is now revealed that the action by the Chase Bank and National City Bank announced yesterday, "suspension of cheque accounts as from March 1 as a precautionary measure," refers only to foreign currency accounts.

Officials of both Banks expressly state that no change will be made in the matter of local dollar accounts.—Reuter.

## PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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## MOTHER SEEKS A DEAD HERO'S PHOTO GIRL

WHENEVER AIRCRAFTMAN W. J. Davidson flew into battle, he carried with him the photograph of a beautiful girl, clad in a brief playsuit and bronzed with the sun of the West Indian island of Bequia.

A few months ago the young airman died heroically fighting the Italians in East Africa. Now it is the dearest wish of his mother to trace the girl who she believes was her son's sweetheart, but whom she has not seen.

## BOMBER VERSUS FIGHTER

During a recent encounter with a Messerschmidt 110 the sergeant pilot of a British bomber had to evade the enemy without knowing from which direction the attack was being made. The bomber had done its work, but while it was over its target anti-aircraft fire had wrecked the intercommunication system.

Normally the rear-gunner or the wireless operator can at once let the pilot know exactly what is going on, but now, as the pilot said:

"We were like four dumb men. It was only the smell of codite from the rear guns, just as we were getting near the Zuider Zee, which made me realise that we were in any danger. There was cloud right below us, but it was six thousand feet away, and I had to make a long dive for it with the Messerschmidt spitting at us almost the whole way. The navigator was in much the same position as I was; he didn't realise we were being attacked until a couple of cannon shells hit the port engine. As it happened they did very little harm.

"Other shells made several holes in the wings, and we had begun to look a bit like a colander when the Messerschmidt stopped using its cannon and began to let fly at us with its machine-guns. The bomber was hit several times, and our rear-gunner was unfortunately wounded in the foot; the wireless operator had a very narrow escape when a bullet smashed the air bottle which inflates his Mae West jacket; he himself wasn't hurt at all.

"The two rear gunners got rid of several thousand rounds of ammunition; things were extremely difficult for them and, as they told me afterwards, they saw the Messerschmidt rising and falling right in line with the tailplane, during the whole of the fight.

"I don't know whether they hit the Messerschmidt at all — if they didn't it's difficult to see why he broke off the action before we had actually reached the cloud. We saw him pass us on the port side and I should say he was getting away at about 450 miles an hour."

A few days ago her son's belongings were returned to their home in The Quadrant, Birkwell, North Shields, Northumberland. Among them was the photograph with this message on the back:—

"Sunday, 25.2.40. My Bequia garb for two weeks, halter and pants. Taken in the grounds at Tony Gibbons." It is signed simply "Cynth."

And that is the only clue.

In her sorrow, Mrs. Davidson has appealed to the newspapers to help her in the search for the one person in the world whom she feels can bring her some solace for the loss of the boy they both loved.

Perhaps Cynth does not know of the young airman's death. If not, her grief will be tempered with pride when she learns how he died.

It was in July when Aircraftman Davidson flew to attack an Italian fort on the Sudanese border. His plane was shot down and crashed a few hundred yards in front of the fort.

Davidson, riddled with bullets, jumped as the plane crashed. When they found him, conscious but mortally wounded, his first thoughts were for his pilot, and what had happened to him. Then he asked: "What sort of a show did we make of the bombing?"

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# 8th Heavy Regt. "A" Will Take A Lot Of Stopping In Sevens

## Two Encounters Postponed

### Birrell Plays Big Part In Sappers' Win

The inability of Royal Scots to play their First Round Seven-A-Side Rugby Tournament matches yesterday was disappointing, but the five games played provided excellent fare, although the only pointer to later successes was given by 8th Heavy Regiment "A", who are going to take a lot of stopping.

#### MIDDLESEX "A" 7 TAMAR & SMALL SHIPS "B" 5

A try by Berry and a dropped goal by Man gave the soldiers a 7-0 interval lead. Thereafter the sailors had more of the game and Rutherford scored a try which Watson converted.

Tamar played Rutherford at forward and Gallacher was slow in getting the ball away from the base of the scrum. McGill was good in defence, while Poole was an energetic forward.

Middlesex were much quicker on the ball and their forwards were too fast for their opposites. Man and Berry both deserved their scores.

#### COMBINED SMALL UNITS "A" 9 5TH A.A. "B" 0

Two good tries by Pratt gave Small Units a 6-0 lead at half time, and Macdonald added a third try, between the posts.

Bedford played a grand game at forward, having one 30-yard run that nearly produced a score. Morgan was an enterprising scrum-half and Macdonald showed his speed on several occasions. Hamblin's touch-kicking relieved his side on numerous occasions.

Easterbrook was safe in his tackling if the opponent was in reach, but he was slow to position himself.

#### 8TH HEAVY "A" 11 JARDINE'S 0

Two tries by Richards, the first of which Marsh converted, saw the Gunners 8-0 in the lead at the interval and Skipwith added the remaining three points with a try that Marsh failed to convert. Near the end Marsh crossed Ewo's line but dropped the ball.

The speed of Marsh and Richards was too much for Jardine's, while Skipwith played an aggressive type of game, knowing the nearest way to the line. Hook was in an orthodox mood behind a scrum which invariably heeled the ball from the set scrums.

Eager played surprisingly well at scrum-half for Jardine's. His service was mediocre but his tackling was always sound. Bosanquet bought a beautiful dummy from Richards early on, and he never settled down thereafter.

#### CIVIL SERVICE 12 12TH HEAVY "B" 3

Morgan gave Civil Servants a 3-0 lead with an unconverted try but the losers were on equal terms through Giddins, only for Civil Service to lead 6-3 following an unconverted try—there was no time for the kick, right in front of the posts—by Hynes. Morgan then made a 50-yard dash for a spectacular try and Taylor added the final try but failed to convert his effort between the posts.

Morgan was outstanding for the winners and Giddins was the most dangerous of the gunners.

#### R.E. 13 5TH A.A. "A" 3

Picton scored an unconverted try after Birrell had hit the upright with a penalty kick to give Sappers a 3-0 interval lead. Birrell then scored between the posts and converted his effort, but GIBlin reduced the Gunners' arrears with a good try that ought to have been converted. Birrell completed the scoring with a try between the posts which he converted himself.

Birrell, hero of last year's R.E. team, was always dangerous and his kicking was amazingly accurate considering a fairly heavy ball. Picton and Sheldrake were two others to shine in a team which played well together.

Page was prominent for Gunners on many occasions and Fairclough and Dobbinson were sound in defence.

Following were the teams: Middlesex "A"—Jackson, Lieut. Weston and Capt. Man, Pte. Jones, Pte. Berry, Sgt. Bayly and Capt. Hewitt (capt.).

Royal Engineers—Snr. Jones (Ct.), Cpl. Picton and Cpl. Birrell, Cpl. Foley (capt.), Spr. Martin (L), L/Sgt. Davis and L/Sgt. Sheldrake.

12th Heavy Regt. "B"—Gnr. McCarthy, Gnr. Howarth and Gnr. Hall, L/Bdr. Denton, Gnr. Bullen, 2/Lieut. Deiderfeld (capt.) and Bdr. Giddins.

Combined Small Units "A"—Pte. Macdonald, Sgt. Pratt and Sgt. Hamblin, L/Cpl. Morgan, Pte. Mohan, Cpl. Chandler and Sgt. Bedford.

Civil Service—A. J. G. Taylor (capt.), K. W. Forrow and T. O. Morgan, J. Redman, B. Hynes, F. Burford and E. W. R. Hackett.

5th A.A. Regt. "A"—2/Lieut. Fairclough, Gnr. Giblin and Gnr. Baker, Gnr. Dobbinson, Gnr. Evans, L/Cpl. Clarke and Sgt. Page (capt.).

5th A.A. Regt. "B"—Gnr. Easterbrook, Gnr. Bevan and Gnr. Sutcliffe, L/Bdr. Clarke, 2/Lieut. Banner, Gnr. Mullen and Gnr. Owen.

Jardine's—D. I. Bosanquet (capt.), N. J. Booker and D. B. Nelson, J. C. Eager, R. G. Geer, R. G. Whitbourne and G. J. P. Carey.

Tamar and Small Ships "B"—P. O. Clough, S/Lt. McGill and S/Lt. Danger, A. B. Gallacher, S/Lt. Poole, Lieut. Watson and Lieut. Rutherford (capt.).

8th Heavy Regt. "A"—L/Bdr. Richards, Sgt. Marsh and Capt. Skipwith, Capt. Hook (capt.), Gnr. Cook, L/Bdr. McDermott and Gnr. Turner.

## FANLING HUNT TO MEET SUNDAY

The second point-to-point of the season will be held at Fanling at 3.00 p.m. on Sunday.

The start will be from near the Kwangti Racecourse and the first flag will be about three-quarters of a mile up the Shautaukok Road near Hill 27. This flag is to be kept on the left and the course from thence runs to the left of Lichee Farm. The second flag will be at the open expanse at the end of the gallops and this flag must also be kept on the left, after which riders will turn homewards for the finish at Kitten Hill.

For the convenience of competitors who wish to walk or ride the course, flags will be up on Friday and will be left there until after the race.

Entries will be divided into two classes, Australian ponies and China ponies, and there will be first, second and third prizes in each class. The Australian entries will be allowed away first, to be followed by the China ponies, each class to be judged separately.

No colours are required, as competitors will be supplied with arm-bands beforehand. The wearing of hard hats is essential.

Entries, accompanied by a fee of \$3, may be sent to Captain J. G. Whittaker, No. 1 Garden Terrace. Contributed.

A Billiards Social Evening will be held at the European Y.M.C.A. at 7.30 p.m. to-day for members and their friends.

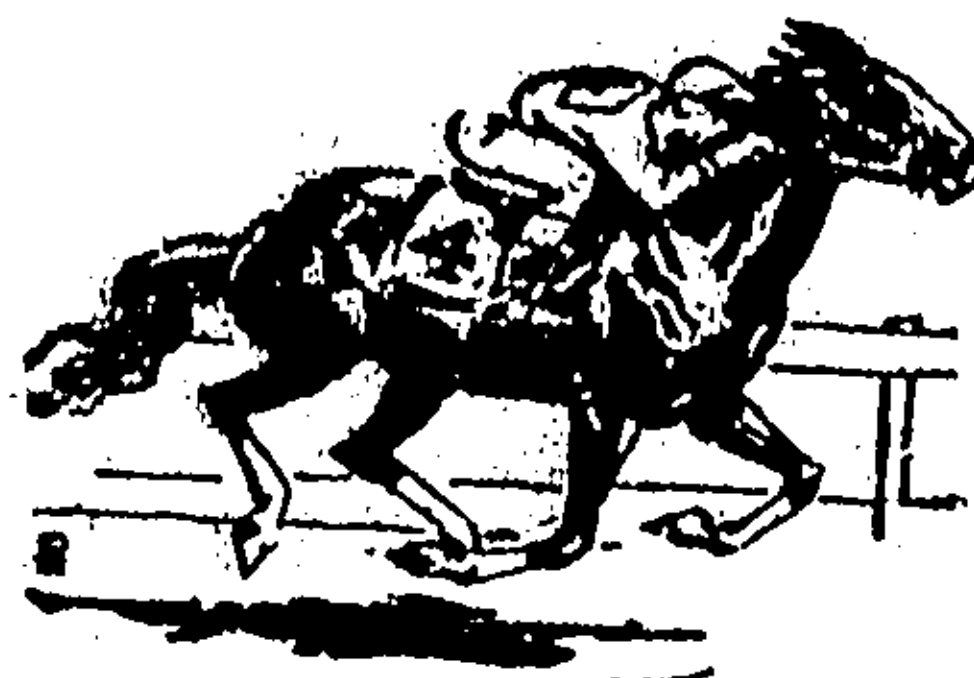
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| V. V. Needa     | 2   | 0   | 0   | 6   |
| H. C. Plh       | 1   | 2   | 0   | 5   |
| P. Y. T. Wei    | 1   | 1   | 2   | 4   |
| W. H. S. Davis  | 1   | 1   | 0   | 5   |
| H. J. Holden    | 1   | 0   | 1   | 0   |
| C. B. Motter    | 1   | 0   | 1   | 2   |
| D. H. S. Craven | 1   | 0   | 1   | 3   |
| Ip Kul-ying     | 1   | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| H. J. A. Hearne | 1   | 0   | 0   | 2   |
| S. C. Liang     | 1   | 0   | 0   | 4   |
| B. L. Tao       | 1   | 0   | 0   | 8   |
| W. G. Foy       | 0   | 2   | 0   | 2   |
| M. M. Sokoloff  | 0   | 2   | 0   | 5   |
| F. Noodt        | 0   | 1   | 1   | 3   |
| L. B. Chao      | 0   | 1   | 1   | 6   |
| A. D. Coppin    | 0   | 1   | 0   | 1   |
| D. G. Woo       | 0   | 1   | 0   | 2   |
| D. Black        | 0   | 0   | 4   | 5   |
| S. W. Tang      | 0   | 0   | 1   | 4   |
| T. W. Chattey   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| F. A. Sequelra  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| K. W. Fung      | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| S. W. Lee       | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| K. I. Ip        | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| S. W. Pan       | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| R. K. C. Chiu   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   |
| Tang Man-wa     | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   |
| B. A. Proulx    | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   |
| Yeung Wing-kwai | 0   | 0   | 0   | 3   |
| Ho Hong-ping    | 0   | 0   | 0   | 3   |
| R. M. Wood      | 0   | 0   | 0   | 4   |
| Hoo Pak-ming    | 0   | 0   | 0   | 4   |
| P. P. Botelho   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 5   |
| S. L. Sung      | 0   | 0   | 0   | 5   |
| G. Treverton    | 0   | 0   | 0   | 5   |
| H. S. Chang     | 0   | 0   | 0   | 6   |
| S. L. Yuen      | 0   | 0   | 0   | 7   |

#### OWNERS

|                    | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| T. K. L.           | 2   | 0   | 0   |
| Lan                | 1   | 2   | 0   |
| Cire               | 1   | 1   | 1   |
| Necan              | 1   | 0   | 0   |
| C. W. K.           | 1   | 0   | 0   |
| Mrs. A. E. Grasett | 1   | 0   | 0   |
| P. & L.            | 1   | 0   | 0   |
| Yeung Bros.        | 1   | 0   | 0   |
| Weetoo             | 1   | 0   | 0   |
| Li Po-chun         | 1   | 0   | 0   |
| Shields & Stantons | 1   | 0   | 0   |
| Eve                | 0   | 2   | 0   |
| S. K.              | 0   | 1   | 0   |
| Eu Tong-see        | 0   | 1   | 0   |
| C. H.              | 0   | 1   | 0   |
| Lee Bros.          | 0   | 1   | 0   |
| Lee Chi-choh       | 0   | 1   | 0   |
| Billy              | 0   | 1   | 0   |
| S. W. Lee          | 0   | 1   | 0   |
| Quartermaster      | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| C. N. K.           | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| Gredmaka           | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| Toots              | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| Marber             | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| Vilala             | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| Pearatur           | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| S. S.              | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| Manetta            | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| G. Tinson          | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| Mrs. Chuong Ho-yen | 0   | 0   | 1   |



## RAPIER'S SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY

|                                                |                    |                 |                   |                             |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Race No. 1                                     | FRESH AIR          | JUS GENTIUM     | HAPPY RETURNS     | Outsider:—Moonlight.        |
| Race No. 2                                     | BURFORD            | O-LAN           | EVE OF HARVEST    | Outsider:—Confusion Bay.    |
| Race No. 3                                     | KING'S WELCOME     | FLEETWING       | COLOOMA           | Outsider:—Ratio Decidendi.  |
| Race No. 4                                     | UNITED EXPRESS     | AMULET STAR     | ARAXY II          | Outsider:—National Welfare. |
| Race No. 5                                     | JOHNNER            | OOMAGH          | AVON              | Outsider:—Humdrum Eve.      |
| Race No. 6                                     | OOLOONG            | CHARLESBER      | LOVELYLIGHT       | Outsider:—Velvetlight.      |
| Race No. 7                                     | ENDEAVOUR          | BLACK SEAL      | MAINSAIL          | Outsider:—Seal River.       |
| Race No. 8                                     | NOMINE POENAE      | DISTANT VIEW    | FIRST LOVE        | Outsider:—Prairie View.     |
| Race No. 9                                     | A SURPRISING TIME  | ROYAL SOVEREIGN | BENDEMEER         | Outsider:—Dashing Beauty.   |
| Race No. 10                                    | SANTA ANITA        | NEWBORN STAR    | NEVER NEVER       | Outsider:—Hole In One.      |
| Race No. 11                                    | SOLDIER OF BRITAIN | EVE OF PEACE    | ROYAL WEDDING EVE | Outsider:—Lovely Star.      |
| Race No. 12                                    | SPRINGHURST        | FAIR CHANCE     | MANY THANKS       | Outsider:—Vixen Tor.        |
| Daily Double:—Endeavour and A Surprising Time. |                    |                 |                   |                             |

## EFFECT OF WAR ON BRITISH GOLF

If the war ended to-morrow, professionals say it would be 10 years before British golf would recover from its effects, writes Harry Grayson from New York.

It took 10 years for England to even partially recover its playing strength following World War I, and the current conflict may deal the game in the old world a much more punishing blow than the one of 1914-18.

American golfers wonder what is happening to such shrines of the sport as St. Andrews, Hoylake, Prestwick, Sandwich and Deal.

Dick Chapman has his mind set on the North and South Amateur at Pinehurst, and take it or leave it, the Augusta Masters.

Although he was brought up on the Pinehurst courses, Chapman has never won the North and South. The Masters' is a large order.

But people listen to Chapman now when he announces his plans. It was last winter that he told Pinehurst friends he was going to join the Winged Foot Golf Club in New York, study the course and win the National Amateur in September.

Chapman, wintering in Florida, will go to Pinehurst early in the spring for his big efforts there and in Augusta.

Jimmy Thomson, concerned about his short game, spent a month at Pinehurst brushing up for the winter tour. John Forsman, president of Winged Foot, took motion pictures of Thomson's swing. There were long night sessions in which Horton Smith and other golfing analysts probed deeply into the Scotsman's methods.

Jimmy Thomson made adjustments and shot a 68 over the championship course in his farewell.

Golf is the one game in which the stars jump at the chance to help one another.

## YACHTING RESULTS

The sixth women's championship series sailed by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday resulted:

|                         |          |   |
|-------------------------|----------|---|
| Gull                    | 16.58.36 | 8 |
| (Miss B. M. Richards).  |          |   |
| True Blue               | 17.01.21 | 6 |
| (Mrs. M. Johnson).      |          |   |
| Maureen                 | 17.04.29 | 4 |
| (Mrs. W. Whittaker).    |          |   |
| Artemis did not finish. |          |   |

## VOLUNTEER CRICKET CANCELLED

Owing to the persistent drizzle which has fallen since this morning the cricket match between Kowloon Cricket Club and Volunteers, arranged for to-day, has been cancelled.

## VOLUNTEER MATCH OFF

Owing to the ground being unfit, the match between Club and the Volunteers yesterday was cancelled.

## SUNDAY'S HOCKEY

The following are the Hong Kong Hockey Association tournament fixtures for Sunday:

|            |                |   |                |
|------------|----------------|---|----------------|
| 10.30 A.M. | North XI       | v | Deafayers      |
|            | Revels         | v | University     |
|            | 2/M.T.B.       | v | Signals        |
|            | First A.A. "A" | v | Police         |
| 1.00 P.M.  | Police         | v | Engineers      |
|            | C.N.A.         | v | Pundjab        |
|            |                | v | First A.A. "B" |

## LACOSTE NOMINATED TENNIS CHIEF

LAWN TENNIS ENTHUSIASTS have probably been wondering what has happened to the famous French players. News is gradually coming to hand.

Jean Borotra was recently appointed Commissioner for Physical Education and Sports, and now he has asked his old colleague, Rene Lacoste, one of the greatest of French players, to become president of the French Lawn Tennis Federation.

Lacoste was one of the famous "four musketeers"—Borotra, Henri Cochet and Jacques Brugnon were the others who won the Davis Cup for France from the United States of America at Philadelphia in 1927, and held it until Great Britain won it in 1933.

#### Wimbledon Visitor

Lacoste was a regular and popular visitor to Wimbledon where he won the singles championship in 1925 and 1928, but he has been out of the public eye for some ten years, having retired from the

national lawn tennis. Unlike Borotra, he had a steady, unspectacular style in which accuracy figured to a high degree.

Lacoste took his game so seriously that he always did special physical training for important contests. He also kept complete notes of his matches. He made a note of reasons for any defeats and jotted down suggestions on how he could improve faulty strokes.

An American once offered him \$200 for one of his notebooks. Lacoste refused. "It helps me and that is a priceless consideration," he said.

In the year before the war Borotra helped to launch "popular tennis" in the French public parks. It is likely that some revival of this scheme will be included in his plans.—Reuter.



ARMY SPORTLIGHT

Army Rugby Sevens Should Be Very Open

'Diehards' At Last Do The Trick; Beat Sing Tao

By "Squaddy"

TO-DAY at Sookunpoo there are two games being played in the Large Units' Rugby League, between Royal Engineers and the Middlesex Regiment in the first match, and Combined Royal Artillery and Royal Scots in the second match.

The first game will commence at 3 p.m., and the second at 4.30 p.m.

Engineers are favoured to win their match with the Middlesex, although the latter are a team not to be underestimated, as the Combined Small Units found to their cost last week. In a previous fixture the Engineers defeated the strong Royal Scots fifteen by getting a try in the last few minutes of the game.

In the second match the Combined Royal Artillery and the Royal Scots should have a hard battle as both have a good team and are well experienced, having several Army players in their midst. Royal Scots have the stronger back division, especially in Capt. Douglass, who is an excellent all round player.

This season the Army seven-a-side competition will be very open as many of the Army sevens are stronger than in previous seasons. Among the teams entering are Royal Engineers, who can call upon the services of Cpl. Birrell, Cpl. Picton, Cpl. Foley, and Sgt. Sheldrake. The Middlesex Regiment also have some excellent players in their midst, including Capt. Man, Capt. Hewitt, Lieut. Weedon, Sgt. Bayly, L/Cpl. Moggeridge, Pte. Berry and Pte. Jones.

Combined Small Units have about the strongest Army seven in Hong Kong and should be able to offer strong opposition to all comers. They will most probably turn out the same team as they have entered for the Colony seven-a-side which is taking place this week. Their team is as follows:—Pte. Macdonald, Lieut. Coombes (Capt.), Sgt. Hamlin, L/Cpl. Morgan, Sgt. Manfield, Cpl. Chandler, and Sgt. Bedford. Other likely teams for this competition will be the 8th Hvy. Regt., R.A., 12th Hvy. Regt., R.A., 5th A.A. Regt., R.A., and the Royal Scots.

ASSOCIATION

FOOTBALL

AT last the Diehards have accomplished the feat of beating Sing Tao in Senior Division of the Hong Kong Football League. They were unlucky in their two previous matches with this club and lost by the odd goal, Sing Tao on both occasions being saved by their goalkeeper.

Middlesex have still to find a centre-forward, and if this could be done they would be able to go much further in the football world than they have done. They are top of all non-Chinese teams in the League.

Engineers and Service Corps are fighting hard for Second Division honours, and neither side can afford to drop a point at a moment like this. During the last month the Engineers have not been playing their usual standard of football, although they have only lost one match this season out of 19 games. Service Corps have lost three out of 20.

At Sookunpoo to-morrow, Signals will meet the 30th Hvy. Bty., R.A. in the re-play of the Junior Shield.

Signals, a Third Division side, did well to hold 30th Bty. in the previous game and it would not surprise if they knocked out the Gunners to-morrow. They have still a good chance of pulling off Third Division honours as they are only two points behind the leaders, Royal Air Force.

The Scottish team for the International Cup final against England are having trouble in finding a centre-forward. It is rumoured that they have given Cpl. Birrell of the Royal En-

HOCKEY

AT Sookunpoo on Sunday, Middlesex Regiment defeated the Punjab by five goals to one in the Large Units Hockey League. They still have an unbeaten record this year and the challenge that they have given the British Army ranks should be an excellent match to look forward to, as in my opinion they will be able to extend them. They have lost a good player in Pte. Stickley, who, I understand, is on the injured list, and his place is being filled by Sgt. Freshwater of the Battalion football eleven.

DADO'S BIG WIN OVER OLIVEIRA

Little Dado, the Filipino battler who holds the world's fly-weight championship, decisively defeated Tony Oliveira, of San Francisco, in a 10-round bout at Honolulu last month.

Dado, weighing 115 pounds, won every round. Some fight experts said it was the worst beating Oliveira ever absorbed during his ring career. Oliveira weighed in for the bout at 117½ pounds.—A.P.

SPORTS CAMPAIGN FOR THE ARMY

THE ARMY IS PREPARING a big sport campaign. Troops training in Britain are to have more recreation and games, writes a correspondent.

The authorities know that physical fitness won through sport keeps soldiers happy — and keen to meet the enemy when the time comes.

Plans for developing Army sport were considered at a meeting called by the Army Sports Control Board. It was attended by commanding officers, who had before them the views of the big civilian sports organisations.

Mr. S. F. Rous, the Football Association secretary; Mr. L. Richardson, hon. secretary of the English Cross-Country Union, and Mr. Frank Attwood, of the Amateur Boxing Association, were there.

No Championships

No Army championships in games are planned, but individual championships in athletics may be organised by the different commands.

Possibly teams could compete for championships in divisions.

While there are plenty of grounds available, equipment still provides a big problem.

Some units have their own sports funds. But as the authorities feel that everyone in the Army should take part in some sort of game, much more equipment is wanted.

The question of the ex-professional football player obtaining leave to play for his former club is also being considered.

BING CROSBY-BOB HOPE'S BRITISH CHARITY GOLF

Bob Hope and Bing Crosby are teaming up with a pair of golf pros for a tour of the country in charity matches for British War relief. They will make personal appearances in towns where they play, that money also going for war relief.

Duke of Windsor expected to join them on the Florida circuit.

S'HAU-OWNED COLT TRAINED OVER HURDLES

Chateau Larose, the promising two-year-old owned by Mr. H. E. Morris of Shanghai, and trained by the Hon. George Lambton, at Newmarket, has been given practice over hurdles.

It is thought that this will cause the colt to settle down in readiness for the flat next season.

Chateau Larose is by Chateau Bouscaut-Pasca, and is a half brother to Pasch, who won the Two Thousand Guineas and Eclipse Stakes, for Mr. Morris in 1938.

He has raced only twice. He made a winning first appearance in the Rosendale Stakes at Manchester in October, and in his next race finished fourth in the Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket.

Chateau Larose holds a number of important engagements next season. Among them are the Two Thousand Guineas, Derby, St. Leger and Eclipse Stakes. — Reuter.

DEATH OF FAMOUS GOLFING FIGURE

FRONT RANK GOLFER for more than a quarter of a century, winner of eight British amateur titles, and the first amateur to win the Open, Mr. John Ball died recently at Holywell, North Wales, aged 79.

A native of Hoylake, Cheshire, Ball, acclaimed by all as a "born golfer," made an appearance in an Open championship when in his teens, and startled the golfing world by finishing sixth, only eight strokes behind the winner.

Seven years later he played in the first amateur championship, and reached the semi-final, in which he lost to Horace Hutchinson by two holes.

Ball won the title in 1888, 1890, 1892, 1894, 1899, 1907, 1910 and 1912. In 1890 he also won the "Open", a feat not equalled until America's Bobby Jones secured both honours ten years ago.

Irish Champion

Ball won innumerable other awards. He was Irish Open Amateur champion three times, four times winner of the St. George's Grand Challenge Cup, and holder of scratch medals in all parts of the country.

A reserved man, who never spoke of his triumphs, Ball had only one rival who challenged his eminence. This was Harold Hilton, four times amateur champion, and there was an interesting sequel in 1927, when the championship was played at Hoylake.

Hilton was beaten in the first round, and Ball, who had a bye, lost in his opening match. It was a somewhat melancholy ending to two great golfing careers, as neither was afterwards seen in championship play.

From 1902 to 1911 Ball captained the English team against Scotland in amateur international matches.

He should retain for many years his record as eight times British Amateur title holder.—Reuter.

RECREIO TROUNCED BY VARSITY

University "A" defeated Recreio 6-0, in "A" division of the badminton league last night.

|                                         |       |
|-----------------------------------------|-------|
| P. K. Hooi and H. F. Chew (Univ. "A")   |       |
| beat M. A. Oliveira and A. M. Rodrigues | 21-12 |
| beat J. J. Remedios and H. F. Gonsalves | 21-7  |
| beat L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva     | 23-22 |
| K. W. Chey and C. K. Lee (Univ. "A")    |       |
| beat Oliveira and Rodrigues             | 21-8  |
| beat Remedios and Gonsalves             | 21-12 |
| beat Carvalho and Silva                 | 21-1  |
| M. S. Lim and S. F. Yung (Univ. "A")    |       |
| beat Oliveira and Rodrigues             | 21-10 |
| beat Remedios and Gonsalves             | 21-2  |
| beat Carvalho and Silva                 | 21-10 |

League Table

|                | Games | P.L. | W. | F. | A. | Pts. |
|----------------|-------|------|----|----|----|------|
| University "A" | 4     | 0    | 4  | 33 | 3  | 8    |
| University "B" | 3     | 1    | 2  | 16 | 11 | 4    |
| Recreio        | 4     | 3    | 1  | 9  | 27 | 2    |
| Chinese "Y"    | 5     | 4    | 1  | 14 | 31 | 2    |

Carson For P.I. Tennis Open

L. D. Carson, Shanghai's ace tennis player, will be figuring in the biggest tourney of his career this month when he plays in the Philippine Open Tennis Championship in Manila, which attracts some of the best talent in the Far East and Australia states the Shanghai "China Press."

Carson left recently for the southern city and is expected to be away for about a month, during which time he will probably also take part in the Philippine Wack Wack Golf Championship.

This is the third time that Carson has been invited by the Philippine Lawn Tennis Association to take part in this championship but this year is the first time that the Shanghai star has been able to accept.

While in Shanghai, Carson has swept aside all opposition in a highly convincing manner and it will be extremely interesting to see how he will fare against first-rate competition. It may be recalled that Carson received a strong test in May 1930 when F. Ampon, the Filipino Davis Cup player, paid a visit here. On that occasion, Carson was out of practice, but nevertheless he gave an excellent account of himself despite losing the match.

Rapid Golf Rise

Carson's visit to Manila and his possible participation in a golf tourney there also throws attention to his rapid rise in the local golf world. It was not more than three years ago that he first picked up the game, but in the brief interval since then, he has cut his handicap down from 24 to two. His biggest achievement, however, was his performance in the China Open Amateur Championship play last year when he finished up as runner-up to Tony Ricketts.

He is not expected to capture the Wack Wack Open, which has a purse of U.S. \$5,000 for participating professionals, but he should be able to rank well at the top.

A NEW COOL AND FRAGRANT TOBACCO

MISDORP'S SOUTH AFRICAN PIPE TOBACCO

|                      | 2 oz.  | 4 oz.  |
|----------------------|--------|--------|
| RANCH Plug & Flake   | \$1.40 | \$2.60 |
| JUBILEE Mixture      | —      | \$2.75 |
| WINDSOR Mixture      | \$1.30 | —      |
| COLONEL EAZY Mixture | \$1.30 | \$2.50 |
| Dr. PLUMB Mixture    | —      | \$2.65 |

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"La Esmeralda del Oriente"



# RACES IN A DRIZZLE

## Outsiders Pay Big Dividends In Gymkhana Hcp.

### Magnificent Riding By Mr. Davis

**LEADEN SKIES AND persistent drizzle continued to-day to dampen race enthusiasm, though there was an excellent crowd present when the Derby was run this afternoon.**

The outstanding feature of this morning's five races was the magnificent handling of Eve of Reason, a rank outsider, by Mr. Daffy Davis in the Gymkhana Handicap.

Lying fifteenth in a field of 20 at the Rock, he had to take a wide berth for his spurt, but he had secured first position by the time he had reached the Mile starting post.

This tremendous effort had, however, left its mark and Conquering Time (Mr. Moller) another outsider, managed to dead heat.

Eve of Harvest paid \$79.50 for his win and Conquering Time \$60.10. The third pony, Hughber, only a short head away, paid \$129.10 for third place.

The Governor's Cup was a runaway for United Express.

His Excellency Lt.-General E. F. Norton arrived on the course shortly after the second race.

H. J. Holden, the Shanghai jockey, who sustained a nasty cut on the right knee when he was kicked by a pony just before the start of the second section of the Sydney Maidens yesterday, was taken to the War Memorial Hospital this morning on the advice of his doctor.

Mr. Holden will not take any further part in the Race Week and will probably return to Shanghai on Monday.

In the meantime it is learned that Messrs. C. B. Moller and Francis Noodt will take care of the Li Po-chun stable, for which Mr. Holden specially came down from Shanghai as first string jockey.

This will prove a great disappointment to both Mr. Holden and his supporters for he showed, in the two races that he took part in yesterday, that he is indeed a first class jockey.

**1—PERTH PLATE.**—(First Section).—Half a Mile.

Cire's Moonlight, 149 lb. .... (F. Noodt) 1

Culture's Bona Vacantia, 152 lb. .... (M. M. Sokoloff) 2

S. K.'s Fresh Air, 149 lb. .... (Ip Kui-ying) 3

17 Starters. Won by 2 lengths; short head. Time: 24.3; 51.1.

Pari-mutuel: Winner \$21.80; places, 1st \$7.70; 2nd \$30.00; 3rd \$6.20.

| BETTING FIGURES        |     |       |
|------------------------|-----|-------|
|                        | Win | Place |
| Fresh Air (Ip, 149)    | 938 | 897   |
| Moonlight (Noodt, 149) | 439 | 396   |
| Bendigo (Chao, 152)    | 189 | 199   |
| Strathalbyn (Trever-   |     |       |

### HAVE YOU WON?

| Race 1                                                                                |           |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| No. 1369                                                                              | \$1547.70 |
| " 2920                                                                                | 442.20    |
| " 1551                                                                                | 221.10    |
| Unplaced runners (\$50 each).                                                         |           |
| Nos.: 3342, 3410, 2621, 2217, 2486, 3944, 82, 3109, 2184, 3021, 3930, 3895, 1458, 90. |           |

| Race 2                        |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| No. 2283                      | \$2032.10 |
| " 2899                        | \$580.60  |
| " 1080                        | \$290.30  |
| Unplaced runners (\$50 each). |           |
| Nos.: 3606, 2716, 3463.       |           |

| Race 3                             |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| No. 2853                           | \$2081.50 |
| " 4181                             | 589.00    |
| " 343                              | 294.50    |
| Unplaced runners (\$50 each).      |           |
| Nos.: 3560, 522, 1325, 1030, 4302. |           |

| Race 4                        |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| No. 3692                      | \$2230.90 |
| " 3706                        | 637.40    |
| " 774                         | 318.70    |
| Unplaced runners (\$50 each). |           |
| Nos.: 4483, 1463, 3779.       |           |

| Race 5                                                                                                   |            |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| No. 1704                                                                                                 | \$1,215.00 |
| " 3261                                                                                                   | 1,215.00   |
| " 4723                                                                                                   | 270.00     |
| Unplaced runners (\$50 each).                                                                            |            |
| Nos.: 1434, 104, 2459, 4164, 3187, 5069, 1404, 1162, 3599, 2246, 611, 3807, 4745, 972, 1099, 1751, 3274. |            |

| BETTING FIGURES                    |     |       |
|------------------------------------|-----|-------|
|                                    | Win | Place |
| ton, 149) ....                     | 177 | 212   |
| Newmarket Day (Tao, 150) ....      | 114 | 131   |
| Princess Adelaide (Wei, 152) ....  | 109 | 98    |
| Lodestar (Davis, 149) ....         | 108 | 124   |
| Harmony Star (Craven, 149) ....    | 40  | 49    |
| Bona Vacantia (Sokoloff, 152) .... | 21  | 43    |
| Battle (Chang, 152) ....           | 11  | 33    |
| A Rosy Time (Moller, 149) ....     | 9   | 17    |
| Arnieber (Gregory, 149) ....       | 7   | 28    |
| Tobaccochip (Botelho, 149) ....    | 3   | 9     |
| Beauford (Sequeira, 147) ....      | 2   | 1     |
| May (Chiu, 147) ....               | 1   | 1     |
| Reindeer (Tang Man-wa, 152) ....   | 1   | 3     |
| Senorita (Copplin, 154) ....       | 1   | 4     |

| 2—FOOCHOW CUP.—1 1/4 Miles.                                                     |   |  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|--|
| Cire's Navylight, 153 lb. .... (C. B. Moller)                                   | 1 |  |
| Eve's Eve of Harvest, 156 lb. .... (W. H. S. Davis)                             | 2 |  |
| T. K. L.'s Confusion Bay, 156 lb. .... (V. V. Needa)                            | 3 |  |
| 6 starters. Won by a head; 3/4 length. Time 27.2; 55.4; 1.25.4; 1.55.4; 2.25.1. |   |  |
| Pari-mutuel: Winner \$72.40; places, 1st \$6.90; 2nd \$5.30; 3rd \$5.30.        |   |  |

| BETTING FIGURES             |      |       |
|-----------------------------|------|-------|
|                             | Win  | Place |
| Confusion Bay (Needa, 156)  | 1428 | 793   |
| Dupont Bay (Yuen, 152)      | 167  | 172   |
| Eve of Harvest (Davis, 153) | 885  | 613   |
| Gay Star (Craven, 136)      | 38   | 89    |
| Navylight (Moller, 153)     | 171  | 106   |
| Racylight (Noodt, 152)      | 119  | 80    |

| 3—AUSTRAL BLACK ROCK STAKES.—From the Two Mile Post Once Round and In (About One Mile 171 Yards). |   |  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|--|
| Eu Tong Sen's Fleetwing, 152 lb. .... (W. G. Poy)                                                 | 1 |  |
| Cire's Starlight, 152 lb. .... (C. B. Moller)                                                     | 2 |  |
| Lan's Mountain View, 152 lb. .... (H. C. Pih)                                                     | 3 |  |
| 8 starters. Won by 3 lengths; a length. Time: 10.4; 39; 1.07.1; 1.35.4; 2.03.                     |   |  |
| Pari-mutuel: Winner \$11.40; places, 1st \$6.00; 2nd \$7.10; 3rd \$8.00.                          |   |  |

| BETTING FIGURES                   |     |       |
|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
|                                   | Win | Place |
| A Luxurious Time (Noodt, 152)     | 24  | 44    |
| Fleetwing (Poy, 152)              | 127 | 1012  |
| Iron Belle (Wei, 152)             | 57  | 51    |
| K. i n g ' s Welcome (Black, 149) | 870 | 796   |
| Mountain View (Pih, 152)          | 460 | 352   |
| Odin (Yuen, 152)                  | 6   | 10    |
| Ozark (Needa, 151)                | 78  | 61    |
| Starlight (Moller, 152)           | 544 | 495   |

### STOP PRESS

Look out this evening for the Special Racing Edition of the "China Mail" which will appear on the streets at about 6.30 p.m. with a complete record and description of to-day's racing, together with the cash sweeps.

**6—HONG KONG DERBY.—One and a Half Miles.**

|                                                 |   |
|-------------------------------------------------|---|
| T. K. L.'s Oolong, 152 lb. .... (V. V. Needa)   | 1 |
| Cire's Velvetlight, 152 lb. .... (C. B. Moller) | 2 |
| Cire's Lovelylight, 152 lb. .... (F. Noodt)     | 3 |

7 Starters. Won by 1 length; 6 lengths. Time: 29; 57.5; 1.28.1; 1.59.1; 2.20.4; 3.02.  
Pari-mutuel: Winner \$10.00; places, 1st \$6.60; 2nd \$9.40; 3rd \$12.20.

#### CASH SWEEP

| Race 6                        |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| No. 5184                      | \$2643.20 |
| " 5193                        | 755.20    |
| " 973                         | 377.60    |
| Unplaced runners (\$50 each). |           |
| Nos.: 3731, 2328, 4927, 4837. |           |

**4—GOVERNOR'S CUP.—One Mile.**

|                                                     |   |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---|
| Necan's United Express, 152 lb. .... (Ip Kiu-ying)  | 1 |
| Wai Shiu Pak's Tien Tien, 150 lb. .... (S. L. Sung) | 3 |
| Bridge's Casino, 149 lb. .... (Chan Tan-wa)         | 3 |

6 Starters. Won by many lengths, 2 lengths. Time: 28.54.4; 1.22.3; 1.52.  
Pari-mutuel: Winner \$5.60; places, 1st \$5.40; 2nd \$10.20; 3rd \$10.60.

| BETTING FIGURES                        |      |       |
|----------------------------------------|------|-------|
|                                        | Win  | Place |
| United Express (Ip Kiu-ying, 152) .... | 1653 | 1002  |
| Zadderday (Black, 152) ....            | 252  | 257   |
| Tien Tien (S. L. Sung, 150) ....       | 83   | 85    |
| Dashing Beauty (Chang, 152) ....       | 52   | 142   |
| Chateauguay (Ho Hong-ping, 152) ....   | 24   | 58    |
| Casino (Chan Tan-wa, 149) ....         | 39   | 79    |

**5—GYMKHANA HANDICAP.—One Mile.**

|                                                           |    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Li Po Chun's Conquering Time, 150 lb. .... (C. B. Moller) | 1  |
| Eve's Eve of Reason, 135 lb. .... (W. H. S. Davis)        | 1* |
| Marber I's Hugher, 135 lb. .... (H. S. Chang)             | 3  |

\* Dead heat.  
20 starters. Won by dead heat; short head. Time: 28.2; 57; 1.27.4; 1.58.3.  
Pari-mutuel: Winner \$80.10 (Conquering Time); \$79.50 (Eve of Reason); places, 1st \$30.00 (Conquering Time); \$48.80 (Eve of Reason); 3rd \$129.10.

| BETTING FIGURES                        |      |       |
|----------------------------------------|------|-------|
|                                        | Win  | Place |
| Hillsboro Bay (Needa, 150) ....        | 1152 | 871   |
| Lilliber (Chao, 147) ....              | 1030 | 908   |
| Johnber (Gregory, 159) ....            | 467  | 380   |
| Galaxy (Wei, 142) ....                 | 378  | 316   |
| Avon (Black, 144) ....                 | 262  | 240   |
| Conquering Time (Moller, 150) ....     | 158  | 208   |
| Humdrum Eve (Pih, 139) ....            | 154  | 177   |
| Eve of Reason (Davis, 135) ....        | 117  | 119   |
| Oonagh (Botelho, 149) ....             | 114  | 79    |
| Rose Emily (Poy, 138) ....             | 103  | 235   |
| Hopeful Star (Craven, 150) ....        | 99   | 154   |
| Jennifer (Tao, 147) ....               | 75   | 55    |
| Hughber (Chang, 135) ....              | 42   | 42    |
| Red Feather (Noodt, 140) ....          | 34   | 78    |
| Rob Roy (Yuen, 135) ....               | 20   | 26    |
| Lancashire Lass (Ip, 135) ....         | 13   | 12    |
| Jobber (Treverton, 135) ....           | 11   | 21    |
| King Kong (Hoo Pak-ming, 135) ....     | 8    | 10    |
| Thirty Six (Ho Hong-ping, 130) ....    | 5    | 13    |
| Expansion Time (Chui Ki-fan, 132) .... | 2    | 10    |

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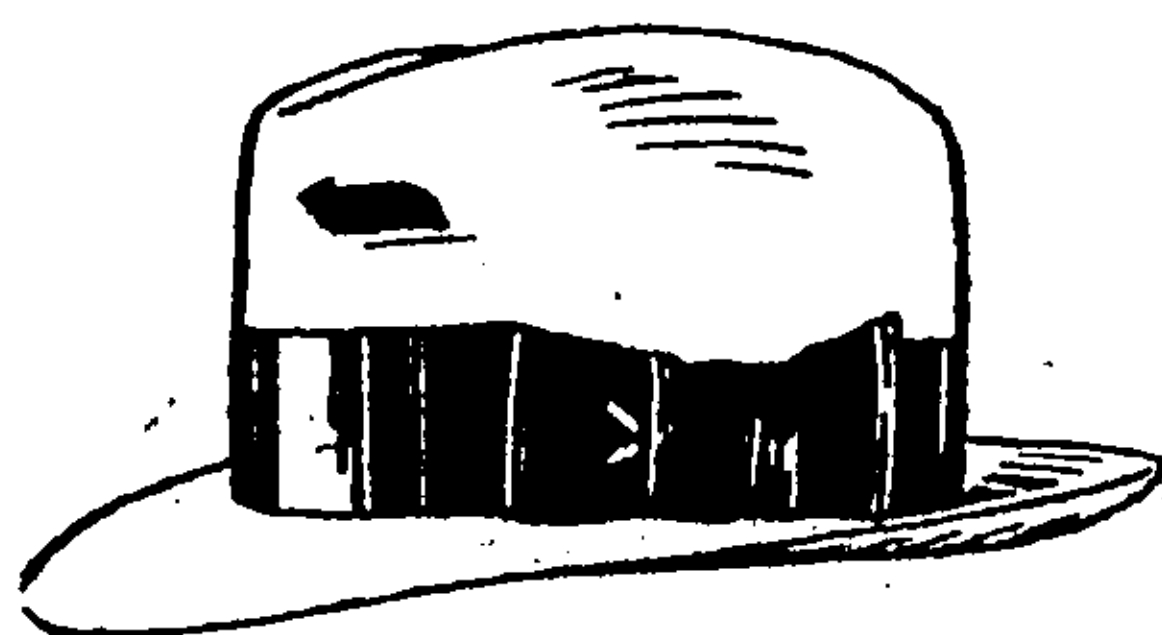


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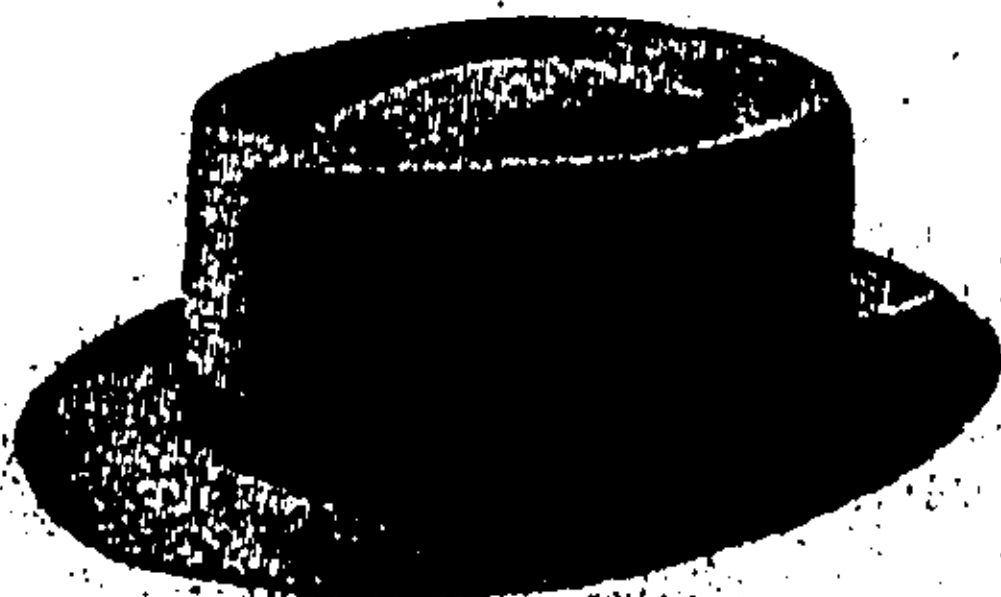


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## DIVE-BOMBER LAIRS RAIDED

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Hong Kong's Budget estimates for the year beginning April 1st, 1941, has been slashed by nearly two million dollars as the result of re-examination by the Select Committee of Legislative Council.

Although no precise details of the cuts are likely to be made available until Thursday's Budget debate, they affect principally the Harbour Department and works provided under the heading of Public Works Extraordinary.

This much is disclosed by Government's publication this morning of the draft Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding \$52,483,294 to the public service of the Colony in 1941-42, which represents a reduction of about \$1,750,000 on the Estimates as originally drafted.

Charitable services have received an additional \$10,000 as a result of the review by the Select Committee and an additional \$100,000 appears under the head of Miscellaneous Service.

The Harbour Department, however, has suffered a cut of \$600,000, the Medical Department of just over \$100,000 and Public Works Extraordinary, a cut of \$1,150,000.

To these items have to be added \$6,000,000 Military Contribution, \$2,159,421 on account of Public Debt, and provision for further expenditure of \$832,000 to be met out of the Waterworks Renewals and Improvements Fund.

VIOLENT  
SWOOP  
BY R.A.F.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") SWARMS OF BRITISH BOMBERS HAVE BLASTED NESTS OF GERMAN DIVE-BOMBERS IN SICILY AS WELL AS ITALIAN BASES IN ALBANIA, ITALY AND AFRICA, LEAVING A SWATH OF DAMAGED PLANES AND WRECKED BUILDINGS.

This list of targets is like a gazetteer of Italian, Mediterranean and African possessions. The assault was concentrated on Catania and Brindisi. — International News Service.

WEATHER FORECAST: — North-east winds, moderate to fresh, cloudy, occasional rain.

Heated Language  
In Senate Debate

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A BITTER CONFLICT OVER WHETHER THE UNITED STATES SHOULD ENTER THE WAR FLARED UP IN THE SENATE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE DEBATE ON THE LEASE AND LEND BILL YESTERDAY.

As the crowded galleries hissed and applauded Senator Taft started a heated exchange when he branded the majority leader, Senator Barkley's opening plea for swift passage of the measure as "a forceful plea for a declaration of war."

Senator Barkley denied Senator Taft's interpretation, saying: "I do not favour war. I am opposed to the United States going to war."

"I want Hitler defeated overseas by our aid so that we will not have to go to war here. We will cross our bridges as we reach them."

"I would not vote for war now. Whether that time ever comes I am not such a prophet that I can foresee."

"I SAY THAT A WORLD ENSLAVED IS WORSE THAN DEATH. WHEN THE TIME COMES FOR US TO FIGHT WE WILL FIGHT."

Senator Barkley is confident the Bill will pass within a fortnight, with a vote of about 70 to 25. — International News Service.

AXIS NAVAL  
CHIEFS IN  
CONFERENCE

It was announced in Berlin yesterday that Admiral Raeder, Commander-in-Chief of the German navy, and Admiral Riccardi, Secretary of State for the Italian navy, conferred at Merano, Italy, on Thursday and Friday last week.

The official German news agency says: "A thorough exchange of views on the conduct of the war against England, which was carried on in a spirit of comradeship, resulted in complete unanimity." — Reuter.

MR. MATSUOKA  
REITERATES  
JAPAN'S POLICY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

MR. MATSUOKA, Japanese Foreign Minister stated in the Diet yesterday that Japan did not claim leadership in East Asia but that she was capable of such leadership.

He said that Japan would never abandon her policy of establishing an East Asiatic order.

Mr. Matsuoka admitted a deadlock in the negotiations with the Dutch East Indies, but said that he expected trade talks with the Dutch East Indies to be resumed shortly.

The Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Hoshino, outlined Japan's aims in the South Seas and said it was hoped to achieve these aims by peaceful negotiations. He admitted that war would, on the other hand, bring disaster to the nation, but said that Japan would resist any attempt to hinder the proper solution. — International News Service.

SANTANDER  
HAVOC

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A third of Santander has been destroyed in the huge fire which broke out yesterday morning and is still raging.

The authorities hope to control the fire by nightfall "unless complications develop." At least 100 have been killed and injured and 20,000 rendered homeless. — International News Service.

ITALIAN  
DEFENCE  
CRACKS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Greeks yesterday attacked on the entire front in one of the war's fiercest offensives, placing the ancient Hellenic "wings of victory" over the central Albanian peaks.

It is claimed in Athens that the Italian defences cracked at several points, with the Fascists in full retreat in a number of sectors.

The Tepelini-Glava highway, scene of a bitter battle on Sunday, was found strewn with the corpses of thousands of Italians. The 11th Italian Army Corps, defending the Tepelini region, was routed with only 20 or 30 survivors in some companies. — International News Service.

MR. OSHIMA IN  
GERMANY

The Japanese Ambassador to Germany, Mr. Oshima, arrived in Berlin yesterday with a large staff. Berlin reports that while crossing Soviet Russia a special coach had to be arranged by the Soviet in order to accommodate the Ambassador and his staff. — British Wireless.

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# LEASE AND LEND BILL PARLEY

## President Roosevelt's "War Cabinet" Meets



Clearing up shell-cases after an 8-barrel Pom Pom on a British warship has been in action. (Copyright, Fox).

### HUGE DOUGLAS BOMBER IN PRODUCTION

WHAT IS PROBABLY THE WORLD'S LARGEST BOMBER-TROOP CARRIER WILL SHORTLY BE IN PRODUCTION IN THE U.S.A.

This is the B19 Douglas bomber which weighs 80 tons when fully loaded with its eighteen tons of bombs and ten tons of armaments. It has a range of 7,500 miles and carries a crew of ten.

With a wing span of 212 feet this giant machine is driven by four Wright Duplex engines each developing 2,000 horse power and attains a speed between 200 and 250 m.p.h. at about 25,000 feet.

It is stated that the armaments, details of which are kept a close secret, enable the B19 to beat off attacks from several fighters at once without assistance from escorting aircraft. — British Wireless.

### MORE U.S.A. 4-MOTOR AIRCRAFT

Two types of 4-motor aircraft now being developed by Lockheeds, one of the best known constructors of California, offer a good indication of the current trend of civil air liner development in the U.S.A. They are known as the L.44 and L.49, and are of special interest since the Lockheed Company has previously restricted its activities to 2-motor transports. One such type, the Lockheed 14, has gained a fame with the Coastal Command of the R.A.F. in the modified form known as the Hudson. The first order for Hudsons was placed just before the war.

Some details have already been published about the L.44, provisionally known as "Excalibur", but little information about the design and performance of the L.49 has so far been released.

Excalibur is a four-engined, low wing monoplane, with an all-up weight of 38,500 lbs. (17 tons approximately) which is about twice the weight of the Lockheed 14, or approximately half a ton more than that of the D. H. Albion, a British 4-engine mail carrier. A tri-cycle type undercarriage is provided, a growing practice with American types, and there is provision for 32 passengers by day, or 16 by night, besides the crew of four. The cruising speed at a height of two miles is around 230 m.p.h. It has a ceiling of about five miles, on four Liberty engines of 750 h.p. each, and a maximum range of 2,000 miles.

### ENEMY BOMBER DOWN OFF NORFOLK COAST

According to an Air Ministry communique a few bombs were dropped in east and south-east England and north Scotland yesterday, causing little damage and a small number of casualties.

An enemy bomber was shot down into the sea off the Norfolk coast in the afternoon.—Reuter.

### British Policy In Bulgaria

The British Minister to Bulgaria, Mr. George Rendel, yesterday outlined British policy towards Bulgaria.

He was replying to questions raised by Reuter's correspondent in Sofia as a result of various statements in the Bulgarian press. "British policy is aimed at maintenance of the neutrality and independence of Bulgaria and at preventing the war from spreading to Bulgarian soil," declared Mr. Rendel. "The British Government welcome the development of close and friendly relations between Bulgaria and her neighbours."

#### British Attitude

"We have no wish whatever of taking any initiative towards violating Bulgaria's neutrality or of involving Bulgaria in war. "If Bulgaria loses her neutrality and war is brought to Bulgaria, it will be solely and directly on the initiative of Germany. "The question of whether the British Legation remains or not depends solely on the movement of Germans." — Reuter.

### Hoover Plan For Relief

Mr. Herbert Hoover's plan for food relief in the smaller German occupied countries, which he stated in his recent broadcast speech to be under consideration by the British and German Governments, is thought in well-informed London circles to present many serious difficulties.

Main problem which at once arises is the systematic looting of foodstuffs in occupied countries which has already been carried out by the Germans themselves.

Britain cannot be accused of lack of humanitarian feeling in refusing to relax the blockade to assist to feed despoiled populations especially when the Germans themselves are continually boasting—even to the peoples they have overrun—that they have food enough to supply the whole of Europe.

The Hoover plan might recommend itself if the necessary utensils and food were obtained in Europe and paid for with dollars held by American banks in Germany and at present blocked by the Nazis. But again the problem cannot be so easily simplified, for Mr. Hoover suggests that soup-kitchens should be established as an experiment.—British Wireless.

### INDIA'S TRADE PROBLEMS

THE COMMERCE MEMBER OF THE RAJ TOLD THE INDIAN LEGISLATURE AT NEW DELHI YESTERDAY THAT EVEN THOUGH INDIAN EXPORTS TO MARKETS STILL OPEN TO INDIA SHOWED AN INCREASE PRIOR TO THE OUTBREAK OF WAR THESE WERE NOT SUFFICIENT TO COMPENSATE FOR LOST MARKETS.

Therefore, he added, the Raj was now actively considering the question of sending trade missions to such countries whose markets were still open to India and with whom trade relations can be improved.—Reuter.

## Planning In Advance Of Passage

MR. HARRY HOPKINS, recently President Roosevelt's special envoy to Britain, was present at a White House conference yesterday on the subject of the Lease and Lend Bill.

Also present were the Secretary for War, Mr. Henry Stimson, the Secretary of Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, the Secretary for Navy, Col. Frank Knox, and the Secretary for Agriculture, Mr. Wickard, as well as the Director of Budgets.

Mr. Stephen Early, President Roosevelt's secretary, described the conference as one of a series which will continue to make advance arrangements for the Bill. When passed, he added, many administrative requirements will be set and ready.

#### Food For Britain

On Sunday night Mr. Hopkins had a conversation with President Roosevelt which lasted until 2 o'clock in the morning.

The presence of Mr. Wickard at the conference indicates the possibility that the question of food supplies for Britain was among those discussed.

After the conference Mr. Wickard said: "I think food is very necessary for British defence but I think we have ships more than anything else to haul food." — Reuter.

#### Canvas Of Opinion

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") A canvas of opinion in the U.S. Senate on the Lease and Lend Bill by Senator Hill indicates that the Bill is expected to pass by a majority of 70 votes to 25, according to a message from Washington.

Meanwhile, President Roosevelt has begun a series of conferences with Administration leaders with a view to putting the Lease and Lend Bill into operation as soon as the Bill is passed.—International News Service.

### NETHERLANDER STOWAWAY

Bernard Classen, 29, a Netherlands subject, was sentenced to three weeks' simple imprisonment by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning, for stowing away on board a ship from Saigon recently.

It is understood that arrangements have been made for defendant to leave the Colony as soon as possible.

### COMMISSION IN R.A.F. FOR BURMESE

The first Burmese to get a commission in the British Services was a young engineer who joined the R.A.F. yesterday.

Burma's contributions to the war chest has already amounted to £150,000 and the proceeds of this contribution went towards the purchase of a squadron which has already shot down more than thirty enemy aircraft. — British Wireless.



The gun's crew on a minesweeper. They are wearing anti-flash headgear and gloves made of asbestos to prevent burns while firing. (Copyright, Fox).



# TURKEY AND BULGARIA SIGN AN AGREEMENT

"New Exchange Of Views In Light Of Events"

## To Abstain From Aggression

THE TURKISH AND BULGARIAN GOVERNMENTS YESTERDAY PUBLISHED A JOINT STATEMENT ENUMERATING FOUR POINTS ON WHICH THEY HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT, SAYS A SOFIA TELEGRAM TO THE OFFICIAL ITALIAN NEWS AGENCY.

The statement says: "The Turkish and Bulgarian Governments decided to initiate a new exchange of views in the light of events and have reached agreement on the following points without prejudice to their contracted agreements with regard to other countries.

"Firstly, Turkey and Bulgaria consider it an unchanging basis of their foreign policy to abstain from any aggression.

"Secondly the two Governments are inspired by the most friendly intentions towards each other and are determined to maintain and develop their confidence still further in good neighbourly relations.

"Thirdly the two Governments declare themselves ready to seek appropriate means to develop trade relations between the two countries to the greatest extent compatible with their economic structure.

### Friendship And Confidence

"Fourthly, the two Governments express the hope that the press of their two countries will be inspired in its writings by the mutual friendship and confidence which to-day has been newly affirmed in this declaration."

Only announcement on the declaration on the Turkish side came from Ankara radio.

The announcer said that a declaration by the Turkish and Bulgarian Governments was signed at the Turkish Foreign Office yesterday afternoon by the Turkish Foreign Minister, Dr. Sarajoglu, and the Bulgarian Minister to Ankara.

### No Radical Change

Meanwhile, it is not expected in Sofia that the declaration will radically alter the present position.

In December last the Bulgarian Minister to Turkey, M. Jiroff, travelled to Sofia on a visit stated to be connected with a move towards a Bulgarian-Turkish rapprochement.

It was stated then that he conveyed concrete Turkish proposals and he was received by King Boris as well as by the Foreign Minister, M. Popoff. — Reuter.

### Freedom of Action

News reaching London last night that an agreement of friendship has been concluded between Turkey and Bulgaria shows that negotiations on this subject between the two countries have come to an end.

For some time past Turkey's diplomatic efforts have been consistently directed to the difficult task of building up a united front among the Balkan countries for the purpose of resisting Axis aggression.

Having regard, however, to the advanced condition of German infiltration into Bulgaria, it is hard to see how the actual political situation in the Balkans can be seriously affected by the present agreement.

It may safely be assumed that Turkey will have safeguarded her freedom of action, under her existing treaty obligations.

## GRAVE RUMANIA SITUATION

The situation in Rumania is very grave, the population lacking essentials which were plundered wholesale by German troops who terrorise the Rumanians, stated travellers arriving in Istanbul from Rumania yesterday.

Rumanians are convinced the Germans are preparing quickly to invade Bulgaria and it is stated that 50 pontoon bridges have already been assembled in the Dobrudja for this purpose.

Rumanians do not hide their fear of the consequences which would follow an extension of the war in the Balkans.

Meanwhile, Sir Reginald Hoare, British Minister to Rumania, who has arrived in Istanbul from Constanza, has not yet decided on his plans but is expected to go to Ankara to see Turkish leaders before proceeding to England. — Reuter.

### DINNER IN HONOUR OF DR. CURRIE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Mr. Lauchlin Currie, President Roosevelt's personal envoy, is expected to return to Chungking from Chengtu on Friday in order to attend the Sino-American Cultural Relations Association banquet in his honour. — Our Own Correspondent.

### H.K. IMMIGRATION MEASURE

The Hong Kong Immigration Office has established an office in Shanghai to issue entry permits to Hong Kong, according to the Chinese Press in Shanghai. — Central News.

As might be expected, German propaganda is already at work suggesting that the conclusion of this new agreement removes any difficulty facing Germany as far as Turkey is concerned in the event of her moving across Bulgaria to attack Greece.

This line of propaganda is entirely without foundation. — British Wireless.



Mechanised material and troops of the British Forces on Greek soil, being surrounded by crowds when passing through a town. (Copyright, Fox).

## LONGEST R.A.F. FLIGHT OF THE WAR

Indications that R.A.F. Bombers have made their longest operational flight of the war are given in an Air Ministry communique stating that leaflets were dropped over the Cracow and Katowice areas of Poland on Saturday night.

From bomber stations in England to Katowice or Cracow and back is 1,750 miles.

Previous longest flight made by R.A.F. bombers was the 1,600 miles round journey to and from Danzig railway station, which was bombed last November. — British Wireless.

## NAZIS SACK DR. COLIJN

Dr. Hendrik Colijn, 71-year-old former Dutch Prime Minister, has been dismissed by the Germans from his post as editor of the conservative news paper "De Standaard." It was learned in London yesterday.

Dr. Colijn, the Germans say, will not adapt himself to the new conditions.

Dr. Colijn has been associated with the paper, one of the most influential in Holland—for over 30 years and had acted as editor since his retirement from the Cabinet.

He has long been at loggerheads with the Axis and "De Standaard"

## MR. JOHN WHYATT HARD AT WORK

It was announced in New Delhi yesterday that Mr. Archibald Carter has assumed the post of Chairman of the Eastern Group Supply Council.

Pending the arrival of representatives of Australia, South Africa and New Zealand, Mr. John Whyatt, Secretary of the Council, has commenced the spade work. — Reuter.

was the first paper suppressed by the Germans because of a leading article in which Dr. Colijn attacked the German White Book on Holland and Belgium. — Reuter.

## DULL DAY ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE

The London Stock Exchange was dull yesterday apart from home rails where anticipatory speculative buying in view of dividend announcements due on Feb. 28 caused useful advances. Gilt-edged were steady. Oils turned irregular while industrials tended easier, especially textiles, on the projected curtailment, but tobaccos were maintained. Railways were steady at a small decline. Japanese bonds rallied on the lessened Far Eastern tension. Wall Street was very quiet. — Reuter.

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# Dive-Bomber Lairs In Sicily Heavily Raided

THE LAIRS OF dive-bombers in Sicily were attacked by the R.A.F. during the week-end, a communique issued by R.A.F. Headquarters in the Middle East in Cairo saying the attacks took place on Saturday night.

At Catania hangars and administrative buildings were bombed and several fires and explosions caused. Aircraft on the ground were burned.

At Cosimo bombs fell on dispersed aircraft, causing explosions and fires, one of which lasted over half an hour.

The aerodrome at Gela was also attacked successfully and aircraft on the return journey from this raid machine-gunned the beacon station at Cape Passero.

## Direct Hits

Hangars, buildings and workshops at Mai Adaga, in Eritrea, were heavily damaged and photographs were taken showing the effect of several direct hits.

Around Keren fighter aircraft supported British troops.

Near Gurz enemy aircraft were intercepted and shot down and others damaged near Keren.

In Abyssinia dispersed enemy aircraft and stores were set on fire at Chinelli.

## German Shot Down

Australian fighter aircraft intercepted German bombers near Benghazi and one German plane was shot down.

Raids on Malta on Saturday and Sunday caused no damage to R.A.F. property.

A Fleet Air Arm plane on reconnaissance off the coast of Tunis attacked and sunk a merchant vessel of about 7,000 tons.

Only one British bomber and one fighter failed to return from these operations.—Reuter.

# AIR ATTACK IN JUBA RIVER ZONE

A Nairobi communique states: "South African Air Force bombers have continued sustained activities during the last few days.

On February 15 the heaviest dive bombing attack yet was made on Gelib, on the east bank of the Juba River. Our bombers, attacking in waves, dropped a large number of bombs on the village and enemy barracks there. Many hits were observed and several fires started.

On the previous day bombers carried out an offensive reconnaissance east of the Juba River. Enemy mechanical transport was located and bombers registered hits north of Mega, Abyssinia."

An official announcement in Nairobi states it is now known that a large quantity of ammunition, stores and material was captured at Kismayu and the Italians left a number of heavy coast defence and A.A. guns intact. The defences of Kismayu were of great strength and included tank traps and a deep belt of barbed wire.—British Wireless.

## D.G.S. THEFT

Miss E. M. Gibbins, head mistress of the Diocesan Girls' School, has reported to the police that between Friday and Sunday an overcoat, valued at \$65, was stolen from the school premises.

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# PORTUGUESE CHILD BADLY INJURED

A FOUR-YEAR-OLD PORTUGUESE LAD, FRANCISCO D'ECA, OF NO. 8, OBSERVATORY ROAD, WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON WHEN HE WAS KNOCKED DOWN BY AN UNCONTROLLED CAR RACING DOWN OBSERVATORY HILL.

He was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital.

The lad's Chinese ayah, Ng Yan, was also hurt but was not detained.

It is believed that three boys, playing in Observatory Hill where the car, No. 4744, was parked, pushed the car and as a result the brakes relaxed and the car went racing down the hill.

After hitting the four-year-old boy and his ayah, the vehicle ended its journey against a wall and was badly damaged.

to the line of the Juba River. Meanwhile quantities of guns and war materials of all kinds taken with the capture of Kismayu are being checked.—British Wireless.

# ALL CLEAR SIGNAL

EGYPT, THE SUDAN AND KENYA HAVE BEEN CLEARED OF ITALIANS EXCEPT PRISONERS.

This news is given in a Cairo G.H.Q. communique which states: "Libya and Eritrea—situation remains unchanged.

Abyssinia—with the fall of Kurmuk on Feb. 14 no Italians remain on the soil of Egypt, the Sudan or Kenya except as prisoners. Our move towards Gondar has been resumed. In the area of Lake Rudolf our troops continue their penetration.

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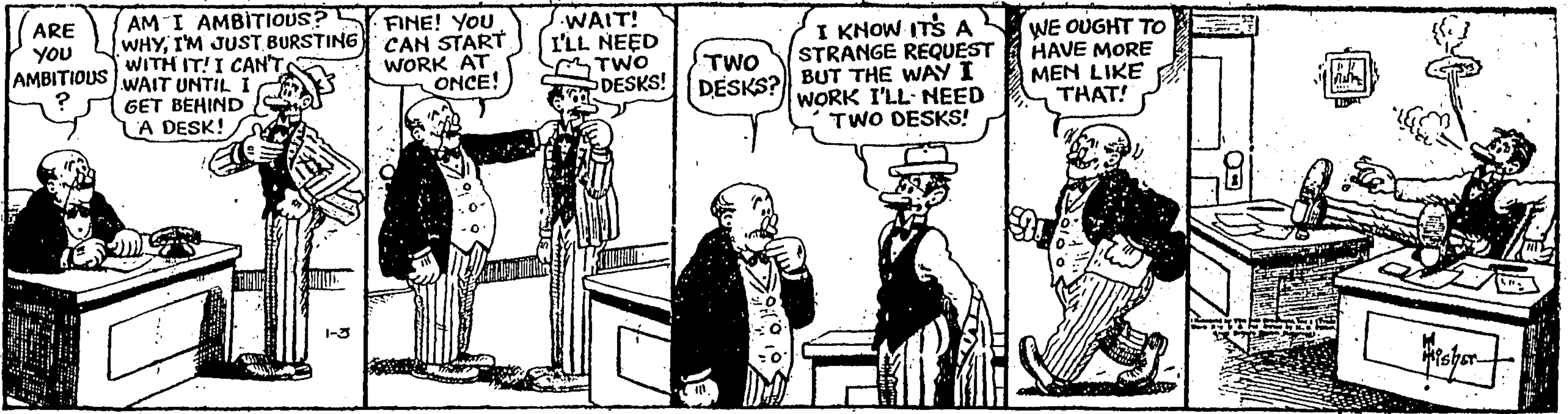
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## WATCHMAN CHARGED

A PRIVATE WATCHMAN, RAM SINGH, 26, WAS CHARGED BEFORE MR. H. G. SHELTON THIS MORNING, WITH BEING DRUNK AND DISORDERLY IN HENNESSY ROAD AND WITH ASSAULTING A 14-YEAR-OLD BOY, LI SAI.

Defendant told the Court that he was extremely sorry for what he had done. He prayed throughout the night in the Sikh Temple immediately after the incident.

Detective-Sergeant J. Bentley said defendant was formerly a constable in the Police Force, and was dismissed for a similar reason.

It was alleged that defendant struck the boy on the head with a walking stick.

Defendant was ordered to pay \$25 compensation to the boy, and was cautioned.

REPORTS THAT the Japanese have left Shataukok were authoritatively denied this morning to the "China Mail."

The Japanese were still garrisoned in the same areas and positions along the border between Namtau, Shumchun and Shataukok this morning.

## THIEF SENT TO PRISON

Three weeks' hard labour was imposed by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning on Kwok Kam-chui, 20, for stealing \$13 from Cheung Lam, and a wrist watch and clothing from Yiu Yin.

Det.-Sgt. A. A. Shaw said accused stole the money from Cheung Lam's stall in Chungshan Road early on Sunday morning. Cheung saw the theft but was unable to give chase, because he was unwell.

The same morning, he went to Yiu Yin's stall in Nan Chang Street and stole the watch and clothing while the complainant was sleeping.

The strength of the Japanese forces in the areas has not been decreased.

The situations in Mirs Bay and Bias Bay have not changed and the Japanese are still in control of the coast in these two bays.

A decrease in the Japanese garrison at Sha-yu-chung has reduced the Japanese forces there to about 100 men who are patrolling the coast.

The highway between Pingshan and Au-tau is heavily garrisoned.

## "Fantastic"

Reports in the Chinese Press stating that the Japanese are re-embarking their war materials and heavy guns and ammunition on transports in Bias Bay are described as "fantastic."

Some of the goods left behind by traders at Sha-yu-chung, and Tamshui have, however, been taken away by ships from Bias Bay.

Existing signs indicate that the Japanese do not intend at present to abandon the positions they have occupied in the Tamshui-Sha-yu-chung areas.

## STRAITS DOLLAR EXCHANGE

AS A RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE CHINESE CONSUL GENERAL AND THE SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT, A LOWER RATE OF EXCHANGE FOR THE STRAITS DOLLARS AGAINST CHINESE NATIONAL CURRENCY IS PROBABLE, ACCORDING TO MESSAGES FROM SINGAPORE.

If this comes about, the rate will be made to correspond more closely with the market rate.

It has been pointed out to the F.M.S. Government that the official rate of the Straits Dollar against Chinese National Currency is higher than the market rate by about ten per cent entailing a loss to the Chinese community who remit money to China — Reuter.

## WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has decreased in intensity, and is moving eastward. Pressure is now highest over Korea and the neighbouring seas, and is relatively low over the Pacific to the east of Japan.

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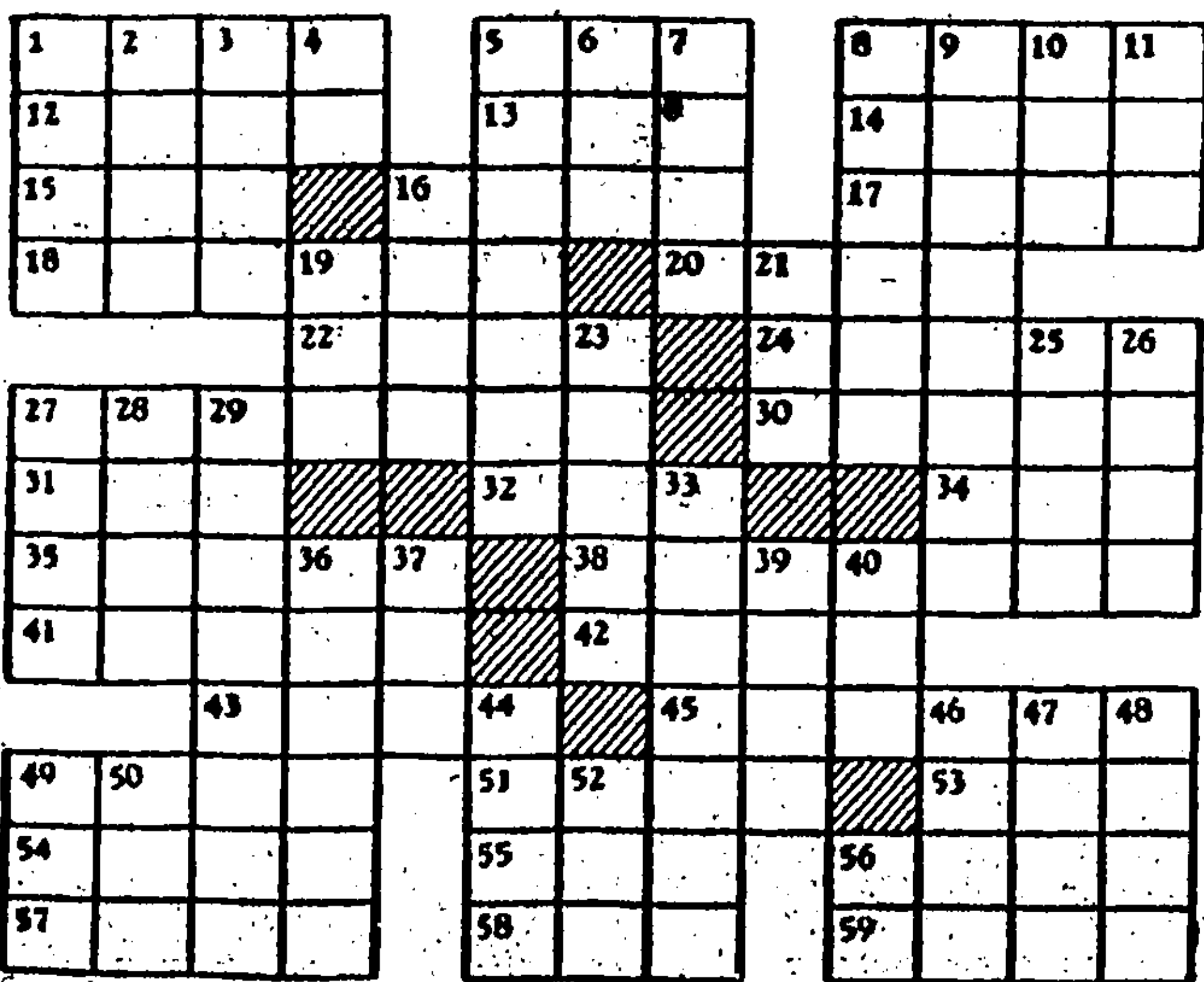
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- 12 Factual
- 13 The self
- 14 To interpret
- 15 To row
- 16 Front part of a vessel
- 17 Southwest wind
- 18 Character in "The Three Musketeers"
- 20 Tandy
- 22 Ancient European country
- 24 King of Bulgaria
- 27 Acrobat
- 30 Piece of combat
- 31 Fish eggs
- 32 Faucet
- 34 Biblical character
- 35 Dart
- 38 City in Albania
- 41 Birthplace of Mohammed
- 42 Bad
- 43 Brain passage
- 45 To engage the service of

### VERTICAL

- 1 Greek portico
- 2 Sandarac tree
- 3 Invisible emanation
- 4 Note of scale
- 5 To endure
- 6 Time gone by
- 7 Monk's hood
- 8 Politician
- 9 Humble
- 10 Fruit drink
- 11 Gaelic sea-god
- 16 Holy-water font
- 19 Chess pieces
- 21 Arabian garment
- 23 Ant
- 25 Girl's name
- 26 Girl's name
- 27 Metric measure
- 28 Old time
- 29 Lenient
- 33 Indigence
- 35 Groups of eight
- 37 Scotch sorrowful
- 39 Risk
- 40 Sisk
- 44 Mother of the gods
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## D.E.I. ATTITUDE MARKED BY CALM DETERMINATION

PUBLIC REACTION IN THE DUTCH EAST INDIES TO THE ALARMING RUMOURS OF THE LAST TWO DAYS HAS BEEN AN ATTITUDE OF CALM DETERMINATION, STATED BATAVIA RADIO YESTERDAY.

"There can be no doubt whatever as to the attitude of the Dutch East Indies Government," said the announcer.

"They will do all in their power to maintain peace in the Pacific but should honour or interest demand it they would not hesitate to defend both."

The trade negotiations with Japan were being reopened and a meeting was arranged for yesterday between the Japanese consul-general in Batavia and members of the Japanese trade delegation and Jonkheer van Hoodstraeten, who is conducting the negotiations on behalf of the Dutch East Indies.

A REASONABLE REQUEST BY JAPAN WOULD BE ACCREDITED TO, ADDED THE ANNOUNCER, BUT UNREASONABLE DEMANDS WOULD BE MET WITH A FIRM REFUSAL. — REUTER.

## STREET GUARDS SWORN IN

HAVING COMPLETED A SHORT COURSE IN THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL, 141 STREET GUARDS LINED UP IN THE CENTRAL POLICE COURT YESTERDAY TO TAKE THE OATH BEFORE MR. H. G. SHELTON, K.C., HONG KONG'S FIRST MAGISTRATE.

Some 500 Street Guards have been recruited and the second batch started their training yesterday.

The Street Guards will be under the direct control of the Commissioner of Police and will be recognised by their grey uniforms with red braid trimmings.

## 620 INDIANS LOST IN SEA WAR

Altogether 620 Indian Lascars have been killed as a result of enemy action, according to official information released in New Delhi yesterday, says Reuter.

## MORE ITALIAN PRISONERS

A further 3,600 Italian prisoners from North Africa arrived in Bombay yesterday, says a Reuter despatch from that port.

## HURRICANE HAVOC IN PORTUGAL

It was estimated in Lisbon yesterday that 78 were killed in the hurricane that swept Portugal at the week-end. Twenty deaths occurred in Lisbon alone.

Madeira was also struck by the hurricane, damage there being estimated at about 80,000 contos, which is equal to £800,000.

In Portugal strenuous attempts are being made to restore communications and a section of the 1939 class of army telegraphists have been called to the colours to repair damage to telephone and telegraph wires throughout the country. — Reuter.

## JAPANESE FINED

A Japanese, Zenosuke Haga, 40, described as an accountant, residing at No. 58, Kennedy Road, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning with a breach of the Defence Regulations, by conveying 11 letters into the Colony, otherwise than through the post.

Detective Sergeant Brooks, of the Special Branch, who prosecuted, said defendant was seen on board a junk lying off Wanchai Praya on Monday morning.

Defendant had in his possession a packet containing 11 letters, all of them commercial and private letters.

Defendant admitted that the letters were taken from a trawler from Formosa recently. A fine of \$60 was imposed.

## BOMBING DANUBE ICE BARRIERS

The Danube has burst its banks and 30,000 people have been evacuated from their homes after the waters of the swollen river burst through the protective dykes 30 miles below Budapest, says a despatch to the official French news agency at Vichy yesterday.

Engineers had made desperate efforts to keep the waters back but in the end the whole region had to be abandoned.

A second "line of defence" has been formed about 12 miles from the Danube, a railway embankment being used.

Military aircraft, meanwhile, are bombing masses of ice which are stopping the flow of the river. — Reuter.

## 32,000 Flee

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Dynamiting and bombs dropped from planes in order to blast the large masses of ice in the Danube were not particularly successful and the water is continually rising.

Several areas have been evacuated and upwards of 30,000 people are fleeing to the cities. — International News Service.

## SHOP ASSISTANT ACQUITTED

D. S. MANGHARAM, SHOP ASSISTANT, WAS DISCHARGED BY MR. G. T. LOWRY THIS MORNING, WHEN FOUND NOT GUILTY OF EMBEZZLEMENT.

Mr. M. A. da Silva, for the defendant, told the Court that the money involved was paid for delayed rental of complainant's shop.

Defendant was employed by the Mrs. Advant as an accountant. He left recently because of some misunderstanding.

After accused had left, Mrs. Advant went over the account book, and discovered three sums of money drawn from the bank without details.

The prosecution believed defendant's story and case was dismissed.

## BROKER GAOLED

Three months' hard labour was imposed on Lai San, 31, broker, by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for obtaining money by false pretences.

Defendant was alleged to have obtained \$81.63 from customers of a firewood store by collecting the money with forged receipts.



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## RUSSIA—NEUTRAL BROKER?

The spectacle of continuing Russian-Nazi co-operation tends to produce concern wherever totalitarianism is feared or opposed. It tends also to screen the political friction which exists between those two States and which is exacerbated by Nazi pressure on Slav peoples in the Balkans. Negotiations over trade, such as those held recently, can be entered into at any time without raising political issues, yet they serve as an opportunity for each party to sound out the political attitudes of the other.

Had there been nothing of a commercial nature to discuss, the talks still might have taken place. But there evidently was something of a commercial nature that required examination.

Germany now needs more than it expected to need when the last commercial agreement was reached with the Soviets. Harvests in the Danubian area, Europe's principal granary, have been reduced by untoward weather and by diversion of man and mule power from the soil to wartime activities. The British blockade has exerted cumulative pressure on German economy, depriving it of key materials with which to make use even of many materials which Germany possesses.

One way in which Russia might enlarge its trade with Germany is suggested in reports of negotiations between the Soviet Union and the Argentine Government. The Argentine Minister of Agriculture is quoted as saying Argentina is ready to sell to anybody who wants to buy. Thus "neutral" Russia may attempt to play the part of a big neutral broker between the "new order" and the New World.

This possibility is already being dealt with, apparently, by British efforts to divert Argentine foodstuffs to Spain. It is not improbable that the United States can also play an effective part in reducing supplies that might reach Germany through Russia.

IN the Atlantic theatre of war the Germans for the moment retain the initiative and are on the offensive; the British are still compelled to a defensive attitude for the most part.

Remembering the principle that there are only two ways to attack—either a fortress or a country—assault or blockade—it is now clear that the Germans have, for the time being at least, given up the idea of assault and are concentrating on blockade to reduce British resistance. Assault involves actual penetration of the island of Great Britain, and the seizing and the holding of so many of its vital centres and interior communications as to compel its surrender.

Great Britain being an island and the British Navy being in command of the sea to an extent which the Germans cannot hope to overcome, it would always be necessary for the Germans to counterbalance this British sea command by sufficient air superiority of their own to permit the passage of German troops across the narrow waters of the Channel and their disembarkation on British shores. The German experiences in the Skagerrak with operations of this sort apparently gave them an exaggerated opinion of air power's potentialities in such operations; they did not sufficiently allow for the respective distances from bases which was in their favour in the Skagerrak, but is in Britain's favour now. Distance is indeed the most important single factor in assessing the ability of air power to perform a given task.

It must, therefore, be assumed that in default of a future gaining of air superiority by the Germans—which does not appear likely—any German invasion

attempt would be an indication of a degree of desperation in German inner councils rather beyond such surface indications as are now available.

As present, at any rate, the Germans are concentrating on blockade—or, we may say, counter-blockade—of the island of Great Britain. For this they have obtained admirable positions, far better than those they had in the last war, while Britain's position is far worse, since she lacks any point of support on the French coast or in Eire. The Germans have access to the open Atlantic

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both north of the British Isles (in Norway) and the south of them (in France).

They hold, indeed, the whole coast of Europe from North Cape to the Spanish frontier. Their access to the Atlantic from Norway is somewhat impeded by the British occupation of Iceland and the Faroes, but long nights and bad weather undoubtedly enable raiders and blockade runners to slip through. If this were all, however, the danger would not be so great. The real danger lies to the south, where French bases on the Channel and the Bay of Biscay are now nests for German submarines, closely supported by aircraft.

It is in this combination of submarine and aeroplane, in which the plane finds for the submarine prey and helps in attacking it, that the real danger lies. While shipping losses have not yet risen to the levels of the black months of 1917, they are sufficiently disquieting; and it is clear that no satisfactory answer to this combination has yet been evolved.

Certainly, whatever new devices, Britain is, at the moment, sadly short of both surface escort vessels and of long-range sea-planes and flying-boats; and she will need also additional merchant tonnage to make up for the losses. I should, however, venture the guess that the Admiralty would value above every other gain which they might be offered the right to use the bases of Eire in carrying out counter-measures.

The reason for this statement will be clear from a glance at a map. While the Germans hold the French coastline, the Channel is

not much use for ocean convoys; and the Channel ports will be under constant air attack. It will also be difficult to use the western approaches, so that for all practical purposes the supplies of Britain must be carried on by ships coming by way of the northern approaches, reaching from the north of Ireland, the ports of the Clyde, the Mersey, and the Bristol Channel; and other ports on the West Coast.

A convoy may occasionally slip through around the north of Scotland, but this is dangerous also, while German guns and mines at the Strait of Dover cut off access to the East Coast from that direction.

Save for coastal trade, the East Coast may be counted out for the time being. These conditions make the waters on the west of Scotland and the north of Ireland a happy hunting ground for German submarines and their aerial assistants, since this is the great focal area of traffic. The task of British ships and planes in dealing with them would be immensely simplified

if the northern and western Eire bases were available. Moreover, were Berhaven and Queenstown in British hands, it might be possible to give some protection to convoys coming through the western approaches, thus dividing the enemy's forces and increasing the mathematical chances of any particular convoy coming safely to port.

As for the German bombing attacks now being directed against British ports and industrial centres, it is to be noted that these are all part of a blockade programme—that is, an attack directed against communications.

The necessary concentration of British shipping activities at west coast ports permits the enemy like wise to concentrate his efforts. Even when these are directed at industrial areas such as Birmingham and Coventry, they are still part of the blockade scheme—the ultimate purpose of which is to prevent overseas supplies being translated into British war material.

It is, however, to be noted that for the most part German bombing attacks are taking place at night. In their day attacks their losses have proved to be prohibitive. Night attacks are much more difficult to stop by defensive means now available, though others may be presently perfected.

No form of attack has yet been devised by man against which a defence was not found in time. Moreover, night attacks necessarily reduce the accuracy of bombing, which reduces the chance of damage to individually important targets.

Meanwhile, Britain is effectively maintaining the grip of her own seaborne blockade on Germany and German-conquered territory. In a military sense it is the relaxation of this blockade by capture or destruction of its bases in the island of Great Britain which is the principal German objective at the moment. That island also serves as a base for the British counter-offensive by air against German industries and military centres, which is having its effect upon the German war effort.

This counter-offensive has from the beginning been largely confined to night bombing, and has been handicapped by the greater average distance to German centres from British bases than from presently held German bases to British centres. However, if the British have no effective counter-agent to the night bomber, neither have the Germans; and the superior technique of the R.A.F. counts for much.

It may be suggested that the first belligerent to discover such a counter-agent will possess an enormous advantage in point of time. Time is indeed a factor of the greatest importance in this war. In the long run, if Britain can—as now seems probable—hold out through the winter, the spring will bring with it the beginning of a gradual change in Britain's favour as far as air power is concerned.

This is by reason of the fact that the vast industrial capacity of the United States, added to that of the Dominions, will begin to weight the scales in favour of Britain.

Germany neither has, nor can acquire, any distant armories such as these, out of reach of direct attack. If the products of those distant plants can but be assured of reaching the embattled British island, they should begin, as spring arrives, to increase British security against air attack, while increasing the power of her counter-offensive against Germany.

For the moment then, the chief task of Britain is to keep her great island base secure and keep its communications with North America and the rest of the outer world open.

The chief task of Germany must be to reduce that base or isolate it before its offensive possibilities can be fully exploited to back up the effect of the British sea blockade.

Weighing all factors, favourable and unfavourable, a considered judgment, based on the best military information available in England, must conclude that while the chief danger is to the British sea communications, chances seem in favour of Britain in this immediate contest. Those chances would be enhanced almost to the point of certainty (if anything can be certain in war) by the acquisition of the Irish bases by Britain, or by a serious embolism of Germany in an eastern or south-eastern theatre of war, or both.

The latter possibility is largely bound up with the progress of events in the Eastern theatre.

## Cards On The Table

In a recent article I expressed some scepticism about the idea broached by certain military experts that Hitler would seek to help Mussolini in his adversity, either by a drive through Bulgaria to the Turkish frontier or through Yugoslavia to Salonika. Goebbels had just rather pointedly announced that the thorough German always made the most careful preparations before delivering one of his smashing blows; and it seemed highly improbable that his chief would so far depart from this principle as to commit himself to an improvised expedition through difficult country, with possibly hostile populations, in the depths of winter. I suggested instead that he would seek to help his partner in a different way—by intensifying his bombing of British cities so as to prevent us from sending aircraft to the help of Greece, and by increasing his attacks on British shipping, so as to prevent us from sending warships to the Mediterranean.

Moreover, apart from the plight of Italy, a general speeding-up may well be a German necessity. If the oil situation is not immediately urgent, there is at least sufficient doubt whether German and still more, Italian supplies of petrol and lubricating oils would suffice to carry through the long war which we are prepared to fight. Again, to have something to show the German people, who have to stomach the disagreeable fact that, instead of ending in triumph last September, as they were led to expect, the war still has no end in sight, may also be for him highly desirable.

### The New Phase

The evidence now leaves little doubt that this is the new phase of the war decreed from Berlin. It has been compared with the dangerous emergency of April, 1917, but there are differences as well as similarities between the two occasions. The sinkings reported in recent weeks are by no means up to the level of 1917, and the problem they present is not the same as that which confronted us in that year. Then we were groping about for the means of countering the submarine, and in a serious uncertainty whether we should find it in time. Now we are in no doubt about the means, and our uncertainty, if any, is only about the sufficiency of them at our disposal to deal as forcibly and promptly with the danger as we should wish.

The other side of the comparison is equally important. In 1917 the U-boat could find its way into the Atlantic only through the bottle-neck of the Straits of Dover or round the north coast of

Scotland; now it has the French ports at its disposal, and can proceed straight from these into the Western seas. Then, as in the early months of this war, we had the French Fleet to help us in tracking down the enemy; now we have to do the whole business

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single-handed, with the further handicap that the use of the Irish naval bases is denied to us.

It is, perhaps, surprising that we have not suffered more under these disabilities than we actually have in the last five months. I well remember the anxious anticipations in March, 1918, when we had to face the possibilities that the Channel ports would fall into German hands. They were far gloomier than the worst we have suffered in these months. Whatever befalls, we can keep a good heart over this business, and, with the assurance given in Parliament recently that it is under the Prime Minister's special supervision, resist all temptation to go hunting for scapegoats.

In these circumstances it seems to me that we owe it to our friends everywhere, but especially in the United States, to explain to them, exactly the position in which we are placed. When Lord Latham, on returning to America, opened up the question of credits for Britain, there were some in this country who shook their heads and blamed him for a supposed indiscretion in this delicate matter. That was not at all the view taken in America. There he was thanked for his frankness in "laying the cards on the table."

### Time For Frankness

But they were not quite all the cards, or, at least not those which we should most wish to catch American eyes at this moment. We are not seriously troubled about the questions of money and credit which may arise between us and the United States in the course of next year. We feel in our bones that the American people, with their generous sympathies for our cause and the conviction they have so often expressed that it is also their cause and bound up with their security, will find a way through Johnson Acts and Neutrality Acts, or any other formal obstacles which would reduce these high matters to the level of cash and carry. But since they invite and welcome frankness, we need feel no hesitation in explaining to them that what we most need at this moment is the quick delivery of planes, ships, and all supplies which may help us to provide sufficient escorts and their equipment for our convoys, and so enable us to meet the German

speeding-up with a corresponding effort on our side. *Bis dat qui cito dat* is the motto for the hour.

Two things may be decided soon. First, whether the war is to be greatly prolonged and an even wider spread given to its destructiveness; and, second, whether we can spare enough from our own necessities to give the Greeks the aid we greatly desire to give them and which, given in time, may procure a decision in the war with Italy. There is a general consensus on both these matters in the United States.

### The Door Open

For the last three months the leaders of both the American parties have been telling their supporters that the British command of the Atlantic is almost as vital, if not quite as vital, an American interest as British, and both these parties have made the increase and speeding-up of aid to Britain a principal plank in their platforms. Nowhere than in the United States has there been a warmer or more generous sympathy with the Greeks in their heroic battle. We are not, therefore, forcing an entry into American politics but walking through an open door, if we seek at this moment to give precision and practical direction to these agreed conclusions.

In the last three months the British and American peoples have come as near as possible to realising President Wilson's ideal of "open diplomacy." A great and stimulating debate has gone forward on the platform and in the Press of both countries, and President Roosevelt has come to rank with our own Prime Minister as one of the great educators and leaders of world opinion. But we have both had to realise that there is a gap between the acceptance of general principles by leaders and the realisation by the mass of the people of the action which is needed to give effect to them. Frank speaking on that subject is a necessary part of the democratic method.

British and American relations are on a footing on which we hardly think of them as diplomacy. The Americans are not watching and weighing and trying distractedly to make up their minds whether we or the Germans are going to win—which is the groundwork of diplomacy in Europe to-day. They have wholeheartedly given their vote to Britain and pledged themselves to send her all possible aid short of war. In dealing with America we are saved from the obscurities and complexities which make it so difficult to understand the European situation at any given moment.



# EYE-WITNESS STORY OF RAID ON TRIPOLI

DETAILS OF THE Fleet Air Arm attack on the harbour of Tripoli are given in an eye-witness account by the Exchange Telegraph Company's special correspondent with the Mediterranean Fleet. He describes how, for the second time in a fortnight, the Fleet Air Arm struck heavily at a distant Italian base.

The attack was carried out in the early hours during a periodic routine sweep of the Eastern and Central Mediterranean. Quays, warehouses, and shipping were heavily "plastered," he states, and many fires caused. He writes:

By the dim light of the moon in its last quarter we watched toy balloons, with lights attached floating up from an aircraft-carrier to test the wind. Then the heavily laden bombers took off and vanished into the gloom. A period of watchful tension followed, since such moonlight as there was rendered us liable to a bombing or air-torpedo attack. Time passed slowly as all eyes turned towards the direction of the coast. Suddenly the skyline was lit by bursting anti-aircraft shells and by flares dropped by our planes. Then a big burst of flame shot up. It seemed as though a petrol dump had been set alight.

## All Back

Muffled up and sipping cocoa, we watched from the bridge in the gathering light and counted the aircraft as they circled preparatory to landing. Slowly the number mounted until the last came in, and the cry went up "All back safely." In a short time we were away on a different course.

Later we were told that the quay had been well plastered with medium and heavy bombs and at least one warehouse destroyed. In addition one ship was hit by three bombs. Fires were seen still burning when we were sixty miles away.

While Admiral Sir James Somerville's forces have been purging the Western Mediterranean, chasing and endeavouring to give battle to the Italian fleet, our Eastern forces have likewise been seeking an engagement, sweeping the whole of the Eastern and Central Mediterranean. Now, as we are about to enter harbour, it can be said that throughout the seven days we have just spent at sea we met with no opposition at all apart from a few seconds of bombing in Greek waters. During that time we escorted convoys in all directions in addition to enabling the Fleet Air Arm to carry out the bombing attack on Tripoli. All the time we were zigzagging and doubling on our tracks in order not to outrun the slow-moving convoys.

This is the second such period this month during which I personally have seen proof of how futile is the Italian boast of "mare nostrum." Inexorably Britain is showing herself the master of Italy in all three spheres in this Mediterranean struggle. Under water more than a score of her submarines have been sunk, in the air her shadowing planes have been knocked down and her fighter formations broken up and driven off, while on the sea her battle fleet is suffering further casualties and refuses to give battle. And all the time our own steady flow of men and material continues through this highway which Italy chooses to call her own.

## An Alarm

On this trip we slipped out of harbour one morning while the city was still asleep, and later, with land far out of sight, I stood on the bridge of one of the famous victors of actions in the Mediterranean. Looking down, I could see our paravanes cutting through the water on either side like white-bellied sharks.

Suddenly, approaching aircraft were reported and the ships immediately broke into loose formation. All eyes focussed on one portion of the sky. But no attack materialised and we resumed normal formation. The remainder of the morning passed without incident apart from a distant glimpse of two aircraft.

Dusk brought further excitement when one of our warships claimed to have sighted a sub-

marine on the surface and suddenly opened fire on it. From our position the shells, showing up against the darkening clouds like tracer bullets, could be clearly seen, while fountains of water thrown up as they exploded were silhouetted against the orange sunset. So night fell and, blacked out and battened down ready for any action, we continued through the darkness.

The following morning we were in Greek waters, and I had my first glimpse of Suda Bay, with its white-washed houses nestling at the foot of slopes covered with olive trees and mist shrouding the mountains in the background. British Army lorries could be seen winding their way across the hills, while a gigantic Red Cross painted on its roof rendered a large hospital unmistakable.

The peace of this tranquil scene was suddenly shattered as we were about to depart by the explosion of four bombs dropped near us from a tremendous height. All fell into the sea without causing damage, and the raider quickly made off in the clouds. Throughout the afternoon and evening we proceeded on the alert for further bombings, but none came.

The third morning brought a further flutter of excitement with the sighting of apparently hostile aircraft, but we continued without incident until we noticed a destroyer ahead firing on a floating, khaki-coloured mine. We passed close enough to see its evil-looking horns as it tossed about in the waves with bullets from the circling destroyer kicking up the water all around. A few minutes later another mine on the port side was similarly dealt with by destroyers.

That afternoon our anti-aircraft guns were in action for the first time when a Cant "shadower" aircraft was sighted and driven off. Around tea-time came the news that the aircraft-carrier would carry out a bombing attack on the naval base of Tripoli early the following morning and that certain forces, including ourselves, would "cover" the action. With nightfall we put on speed in the direction of Tripoli. Zero hour seemed to approach slowly as we took up positions for the planes to take off for the bombardment.

## "No Fun"

With this operation successfully accomplished, the fourth day found us rejoining our other units. Throughout the day we awaited Italian revenge for the bombing of Tripoli as we cruised up and down the Central Mediterranean carrying out certain operations before we could turn for home. But we were not menaced by anything more alarming than heavy black clouds which quickly turned the blue Mediterranean into a bleak North Sea with a deluge of rain.

Well into the fifth day, when more than twenty-four hours had passed entirely without incident, the captain remarked, "We would even welcome a Cant to shoot at in order to break the monotony," while a few minutes previously a disconsolate bearded sailor remarked to me "You must be a Jonah, sir. We haven't had any fun since you've been aboard."

Then came the news that the enemy fleet was out. Faces brightened as we waited to hear the locality, but news was scarce owing to the necessity of keeping the wireless silent. We heard that Admiral Sir James Somerville's forces had made contact at long range, but that the enemy had

## CAMOUFLAGED CEMETERY BEAT THE CENSOR

"Oh, for a good soft bed in Pine Crest," writes an Ottawa soldier held prisoner by the Nazis after—as probably ordered—praising treatment and food.

What the prison camp censor would not know is that Pine Crest is one of the best known cemeteries in the Canadian capital.

## HOUNDS AND GUIDES HUNT NAZI

Police with bloodhounds, mountain guides and shepherds are hunting over an area of 300 square miles for a young German airman who gained a name at the prison camp from which he escaped for his impeccable manners and his well-groomed appearance.

Now, after four days of freedom, it is expected that the spruce young officer is like a wild man of the woods, for the police believe he is hiding in the woods and living on berries and anything else he can find among the trees.

Franz von Werra, who is twenty-six, was a frequent visitor to the north-west in the days before the war, and it is in this area that the police are concentrating their search.

They believe that Von Werra's knowledge of the district may have taken him into little-frequented places where only bloodhounds or experienced mountain guides will be able to find him.

altered course and was making for home. We cursed our luck that it had not happened the previous day, for we were now too far from the scene of action to join in the chase. There was nothing for it but to carry on with our job, while an escorting destroyer viciously proceeded to pour round after round into another floating mine. We had to rest content with what news of the action we learned from the London wireless bulletin.

After sighting the island of Crete on the sixth morning at sea we passed without incident through a notorious stretch of water known as "Bomb Alley," which until recently was an unfailing source of attention by Italian bombers from the Dodecanese.

We have two cinema projectors aboard, and as we sailed down "Bomb Alley" the men were entertained in the "Plaza Cinema" on the covered deck with Walt Disney's "Ferdinand the Bull," "Pinocchio," and other films while the ship's tabby cat, Horace, slept peacefully in his own miniature hammock slung between table legs.

The seventh day also passed entirely uneventfully, and in two or three hours we shall again be in harbour, having covered some two thousand miles without so much as being splashed by an Italian bomb.



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# GERMAN MOVE INTO BULGARIA

## Not Believed Imminent In Turkey

### CRYPT SONGS GO ON

#### As St. Martin's Is Hit By Bomb

Six hundred people were singing "Annie Laurie" in the crypt of St. Martin - in - the - Fields when a bomb fell and damaged what is London's most famous church in a recent raid.

The whole place shook. Clouds of dust filled the crypt, but there was no panic.

After barely three seconds' pause the pianist continued playing, and the song went on with perhaps a shade more volume.

A prayer of thankfulness for their escape was said, and soon afterwards everyone was asleep.

The bomb tore a hole in the church pavement, crashing through the railings on the south side. It blew in or damaged all the windows on that side, pitted the church wall, and wrecked an office next to the crypt. No one was hurt, but a woman at a bus stop outside was killed.

#### Door Pushed In

The stained-glass figure of Christ in the great window above the altar was decapitated, and daylight now shows through the raiment of the praying Apostles. But there was little other damage.

Below ground the door of the crypt verger's room was pushed off its hinges by falling bricks from the wrecked office.

But the records of 10,000 needy men and women who had been given assistance were left intact.

#### Strong Pillars

The Rev. G. L. Davey, curate-in-charge, said to a reporter: "The building has stood the shock amazingly well. We shall get the experts to see whether the structure has been damaged at all.

"On the face of it, it seems that it has not. Those massive pillars in the vaults will stand a very great deal. A modern building struck in the same way would probably have tumbled down."

St. Martin's is 200 years old. It was revealed that the Royal College of Surgeons in Lincoln's Inn and the Swedish Church at Rotherhithe have also been damaged in recent raids.

Among other buildings bombed are Coventry Cathedral and St. Mary's Hall, Coventry.

Incendiary bombs fell on Birmingham Cathedral in a recent raid and the roof was almost stripped by fire. The fire service saved the interior and the main structure. The famous Burne-Jones windows had been removed to safe storage.

### FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:

Mr. Chen Lun Shin, of No. 187, Hennessy Road and Miss Chong Lai Kun, of No. 12 Morrison Hill Road.

Mr. Cheng Chung Tak, clerk, of No. 148, Tunglowan Road, and Miss Cheung Wai Ching, of No. 80, Tunglowan Road.

Mr. Ho Kwok Shing, merchant, of No. 17, Waterloo Road, and Miss Yung Chun Ching, of No. 38, Apliu Street.

## But Nazi Military Preparations Continue

**GERMAN MILITARY PREPARATIONS INSIDE BULGARIA INCLUDE THE STRENGTHENING OF RAIL BRIDGES AND ROADS AND THE LAYING DOWN OF PETROL DUMPS, ACCORDING TO RELIABLE SOURCES IN ANKARA YESTERDAY.**

**A German move into Bulgaria, however, is not regarded as imminent in Turkish circles.**

The opinion is held in Ankara that the Germans are conducting a "war of nerves" and will continue to do this until military preparations are completed.

Turkish opinion concerning the whole Balkan situation remains calm.

IT IS POINTED OUT IN ANKARA THAT THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE YUGOSLAVS HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO COLLABORATE IN OR FACILITATE GERMAN SCHEMES IN THE BALKANS.

A question pertinently asked is why should Yugoslavia facilitate a German attack on Greece which would have for object the restoration of Italian power in the Adriatic?—Reuter.

## CHINESE ORDER OF MERIT

The National Government has promulgated regulations governing the awards of orders of merit.

In addition to Tsai Yu Hsun Chang (Order of the Brilliant Jade) which has been awarded on previous occasions, four new orders of merit are listed, namely, Tsai Yu Ta Hsun Chang (Grand Order of the Brilliant Jade), Changshan Hsun Chang (Chungshan Order), Ching Yun Hsun Chang (Order of the Lucky Clouds), and Ching Heing Hsun Chang (Order of the Auspicious Star).

The Grand Order of the Brilliant Jade is worn by the Chairman of the National Government, and may be conferred upon the Chief Executive of friendly countries.

The Chungshan Order, the Order of the Lucky Clouds and the Order of the Auspicious Star may be conferred upon Chinese who have performed meritorious services to the State while the Order of the Lucky Clouds and the Order of the Auspicious Star may also be conferred upon people of friendly countries who have performed meritorious services to China.

With the exception of special awards, the orders will be conferred on New Year Day or revolutionary anniversary days.

A Merits Examination Committee composed of 11 to 15 members will be formed. The Ministers of Interior, Foreign Affairs, and Personnel and the Chairman of the Commission on Overseas Affairs will be ex-officio members. — Central News.

## CATHEDRAL BURNED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Damage done in Spain as a result of the hurricane which struck the Iberian peninsula includes the famous Cathedral at Santanda which has been ravaged by fire.

Many thousands are homeless in both Portugal and Spain and the extent of the damage cannot be yet estimated. — International News Service.

## RAIDERS GET HOT RECEPTION

Three German raiders who crossed the East Anglian coast yesterday were given a hot reception by a squadron of Spitfires, states the Air Ministry news service.

One JU88 was destroyed and one JU88 and one DO17 damaged.

Two sergeant pilots who had never shot down an enemy machine before shared the destruction of the JU88 which crashed into the sea. They attacked the raider individually until both had exhausted their ammunition, then they flew alongside the crippled bomber until it fell into the sea.

A squadron leader and another sergeant pilot took part in attacks on the other two raiders. The DO17 released its bombs at random when intercepted and the pilot turned round and made out over the North Sea. The damaged JU88 was last seen heading out over the North Sea with small chance of reaching its base. — British Wireless.

## A.R.P. MEN ON LOOTING CHARGE

Three A.R.P. workers were at Old Street remanded on bail for a week on a charge of being concerned in stealing a box containing 100 tins of sardines from premises damaged by war operations.

They were described as James Lockhart (53), of Whiston Road, Shoreditch; William Maurice Amner (40), of Boston Street, Hackney Road; and Albert Victor James Stewart (31), of Lowther House, Lee Street, E.

## PRESIDENT OF CHINA'S SUPREME COURT

Mr. Li Po, newly-appointed President of the Supreme Court, was sworn in at the National Government Headquarters yesterday morning. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek personally officiated at the ceremony while Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government, was also present. — Central News.

## U.S. FLEET MOVE REPORT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") PART OF THE UNITED STATES ASIATIC FLEET WILL SHORTLY PROCEED TO AUSTRALIA, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED IN FOREIGN CIRCLES IN SHANGHAI LAST NIGHT. — OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

## DE VALERA TAKES DEFENCE PRECAUTIONS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mr. Eamon de Valera has ordered the evacuation of Irish women and children from Dublin and Kingstown to the interior. — International News Service.

## SOVIET AND JAPAN TALK TRADE

The Soviet-Japanese trade negotiations, suspended since April, were formally resumed yesterday at the Commissariat of Foreign Trade in Moscow.

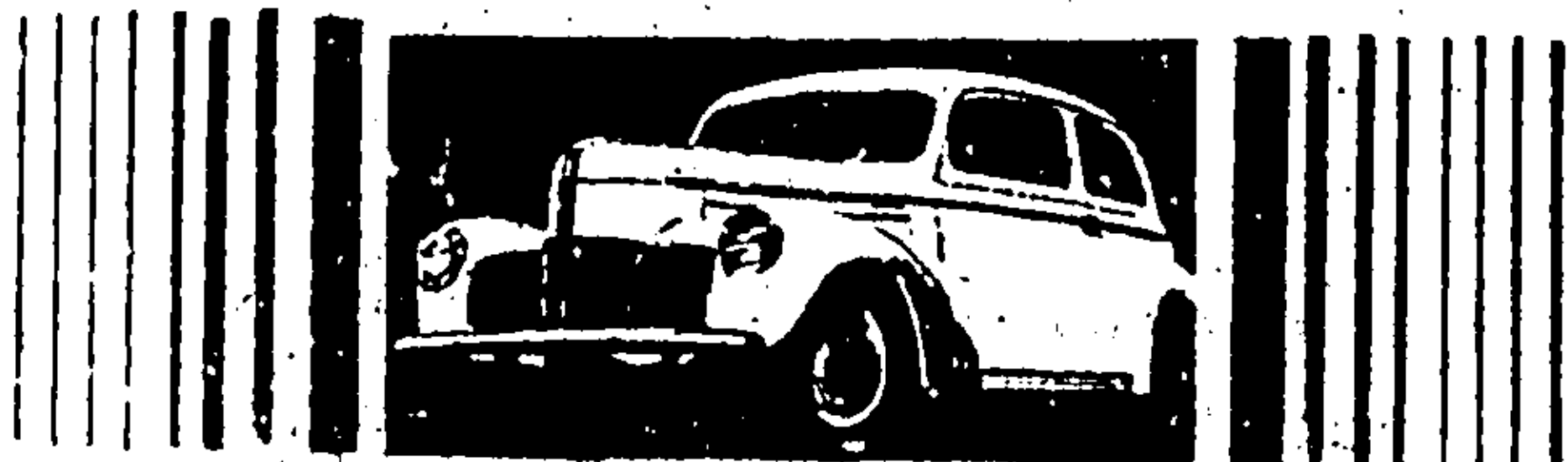
The Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Tatakawa, and the Counsellor of Embassy, Mr. Miyakawa, conferred with the Foreign Trade Commissar, M. Mikoyan, and his deputy, M. Kaganovitch, for an hour and a half.

It is recalled that the talks last year dragged on fruitlessly for four months. — Reuter.

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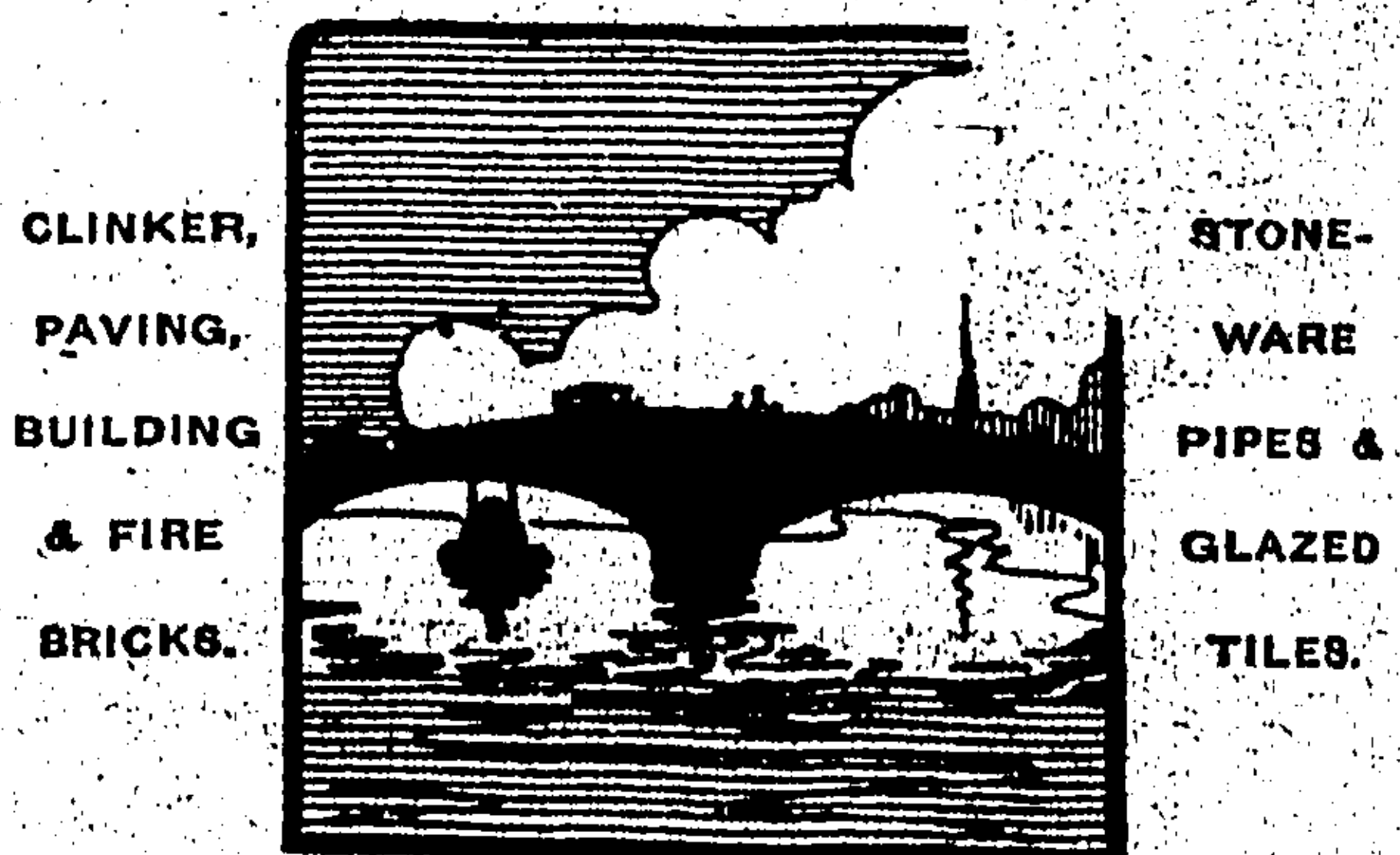
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## THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held in the Jacobean Room of the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 15th March, 1941, at NOON for the following purposes, namely, to consider the annual statement of accounts and the balance sheet and the reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon, to elect directors and auditors in the place of those retiring, to declare a dividend, to appropriate the balance of Profit and Loss Account as recommended by the Directors, and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE is also given that the Share Transfer Registers will be closed from 1st March, 1941, to 15th March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,  
R. A. WICKERSON,  
Secretary & Manager  
Hong Kong, 14th Feb., 1941.

## PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, THURSDAY, 20th February, 1941, commencing at 10.30 a.m. at their Sales Room, No. 2, Connaught Road, Central, Second Floor.

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#### SECOND DAY—

Tuesday, 18th February.

#### THIRD DAY—

Wednesday, 19th February.

#### FOURTH DAY—

Thursday, 22nd February.

#### FIFTH DAY—

Saturday, 1st March.

The programme fixed for 15th February will be run off on MONDAY, 17th February, and the subsequent days' programmes in consecutive order.

On Monday, 17th, Tuesday, 18th, Wednesday, 19th, and Saturday, 22nd February, the first bell will be rung at 11.00 a.m., and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On Saturday, 1st March, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The time interval will be after the fifth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

#### MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 9.45 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 11.45 a.m. ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box, (Tel. 21920).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

#### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tie Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tickets will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

#### SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 9th, February, 1941.

## THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED

### Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on FRIDAY, the 28th February, 1941, at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 19th February, 1941, to Friday, the 28th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,

Secretary & Manager.

Hong Kong, 12th Feb., 1941.

## BRIDGE NOTES

### THE RIGHT TRUMP SUIT

#### By The Four Aces

When the partnership hands contain two eight-card suits, they should usually prefer a 4-4 suit to a 5-3 suit. To-day's hand illustrates the point:

South, Dealer

Neither side vulnerable

♠ 8-6-5-3  
♥ K J 6  
♦ K 5 2  
♣ Q 6 5

♠ Q 10 2  
♥ 7 3  
♦ Q J 10 4  
♣ K 9 7 4

♠ J 4  
♥ 9 5 2  
♦ 9 8 6 3  
♣ J 8 3 2

♠ A K 9 7  
♥ A Q 10 8 4  
♦ A 7  
♣ A 10

The bidding:

| South | West | North | East |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1♥    | Pass | 2♥    | Pass |
| 2♠    | Pass | 3♠    | Pass |
| 6♣    | Pass | Pass  | Pass |

South has to bid the hand with a little spirit since his cards were almost good enough for an opening two-bid. But

note that if he bids the Slam in spades, the 4-4 suit, he makes it without much trouble; but if he bids the Slam in hearts, the 5-3 suit, he is doomed to defeat.

Against six spades, West's most probable lead is the Queen of diamonds. South wins and lays down the Ace and King of trumps. Then he begins the hearts. West may ruff with the Queen of spades whenever he likes, but he cannot prevent South from discarding two clubs from dummy on the long hearts. Later on, South can ruff the ten of clubs with one of dummy's low spades.

Not so at six hearts. South can win the opening diamond lead and run his hearts if he likes; but discarding clubs from the dummy does him no good in this case, for dummy will not be able to ruff a club. Against correct defence South must lose a spade and a club, thus failing to make the Small Slam.

South foresaw some such possibility and therefore mentioned the spades after North's first response assured him of heart support. North's spade raise showed four-card spade support, and South properly chose spades as the trump suit for his Small Slam.

\* \* \*

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K Q J 10 6  
♥ K 8 5 3  
♦ Q J 7  
♣ 4

The bidding:

| Maier | Jacoby | Maier | Schenken |
|-------|--------|-------|----------|
| Pass  | Pass   | 1♥    | Pass     |
| (7)   |        |       |          |

ANSWER: Bid two spades. You have a fine fit for hearts and can guarantee a game if your partner has a sound opening bid. This jump shows strength of your hand despite your original pass.

Score 100% for two spades; 80% for four hearts; 50% for three hearts.

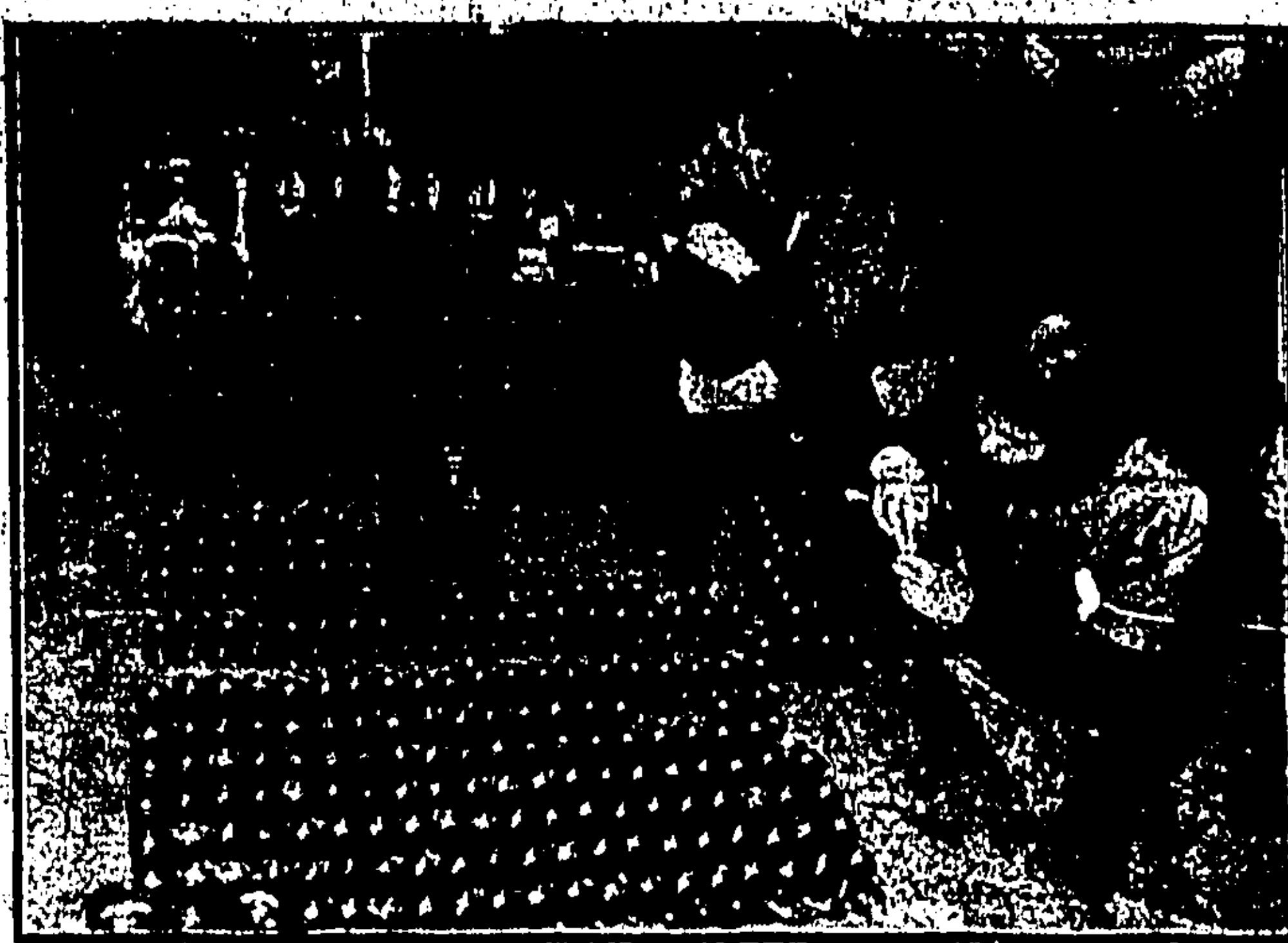
#### Question No. 642

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and you hold the above hand, but the bidding goes:

| Maier | Jacoby | Schenken |
|-------|--------|----------|
| Pass  | Pass   | 1♥       |
| (7)   |        |          |

What do you bid? (Answer: To-morrow.)

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There are over fifty parts in a binocular body, not counting the complicated lenses, of which there are fourteen sections in a pair of prismatic binoculars. This part of the work is done by girls, but many of the processes demand skilled craftsmanship. The Navy, the Army and the Air Force urgently need binoculars. They take a long time to make and the craftsmen's skill is needed in other directions. Owners have been asked, therefore, to sell any private pair they may have to the Government. (Copyright, Fox).

## GLAD EYES HIT WAR OUTPUT

WOMEN ARE SHOWING more aptitude for munition work than men — as long as they do not work side by side with the men.

Managers of big factories find that when women and men work together the attention of the women wanders from their work.

They are more interested in talking to the men and making sure their noses are not shiny than in filling shells more quickly than their neighbour.

But when the women are working alone they are quicker at picking up their job, and much more eager to beat the output of their colleagues than are men.

"The speed of output falls when men and girls work side by side," the welfare manager of a large Essex firm engaged on Government work stated.

"The girls immediately become more interested in the men than in their work."

"They chat with the men and constantly powder their noses in case the foreman should fail to approve of a girl with a shiny nose."

"In actual fact this is ridiculous. We prefer girls who give us the greatest output."

#### Keen To Work

"No amount of eye-play directed at the foreman will help a girl towards a better job."

"Her good work alone does that. When girls work in the shops by themselves they are much quicker at their jobs."

"The munition girls are exceedingly keen on their work."

"But they like to pick and choose their particular job. When they have the one they want we find they are the finest workpeople we employ."

## H.K. GIFT TO AIR RAID VICTIMS

THE BRITISH WAR ORGANISATION FUND, HONG KONG BRANCH, HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM THE RED CROSS AND ST. JOHN WAR ORGANISATION, LONDON:

"Your letter December 3rd very much regret now impossible obtain mobile canteens due difficulties procure material atop you would render greatest service if you agree £1,500 earmarked relief air raid victims."

It will be remembered that a sum of £1,500 was remitted for the 3rd December 1940 for the purchase of Mobile Canteens. In view of the above communication the Committee have agreed that the funds be diverted for the relief of air raid victims, as suggested in the Red Cross cable.

#### QUARANTINE OFF

Quarantine restrictions imposed by the Government of the Straits Settlements and Federated Malay States against arrivals from Hong Kong on account of cholera have been removed.

## ALLEGED PROFITEER

Summoned for selling two cattles of second grade rice at 22 cents, four cents in excess of the price fixed by the Food Controller, Li Yi, master of a rice shop at No. 19 Argyle Street, appeared before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning.

The summons was adjourned to Friday for hearing.

## FREE FRENCH FROM TAHITI

A contingent of Free French sailors has arrived in Australia from Tahiti and was received by the leader of the Free French movement.

The contingent comprises mostly young French patriots who will undergo training in Australia before going to England.—British Wireless.

## GAMBLING RAID

Charged with keeping a "Tso Fa" gambling house at No. 40, Bowring Street yesterday, Wu Kam, 34, shop keeper, and Leung Cheung, 29, crane operator, were each fined \$100 by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning.

Two women, Cheng Eui-ying and Chung San, had bail of \$5 each estrated.

A sum of \$32.10, picked up from the gambling table, was donated to the Poor Box.

Det.-Sgt. H. J. Baldwin, prosecuting, said that the premises were raided at 10 p.m. last night.

## INDIANS VOLUNTEER

Many Indian pilots who have offered their services to the R.A.F. are hoping soon to join other Indian pilot officers who are now in training in Britain.

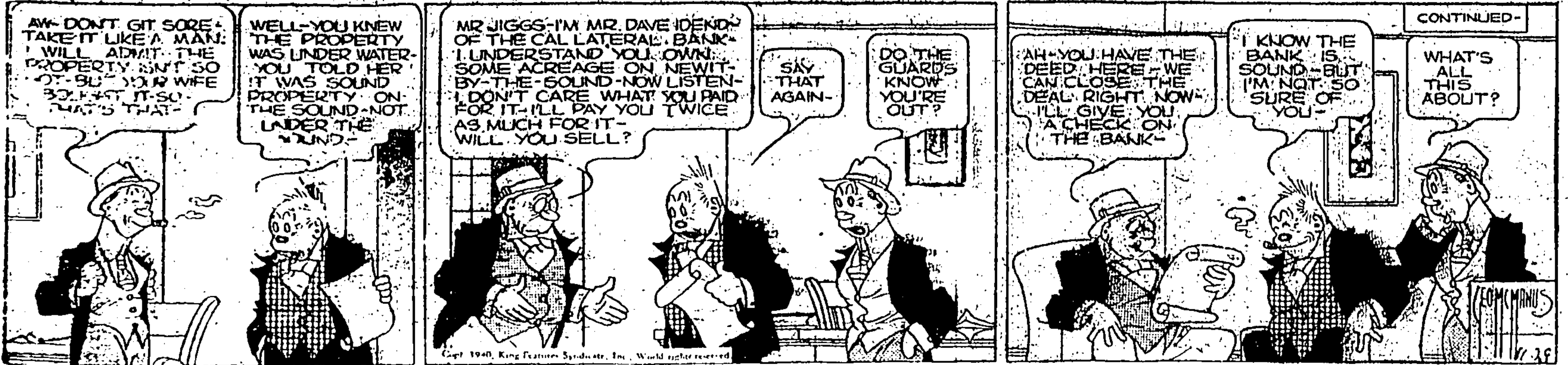
One of them is the young brother of one of the most experienced pilots among the first batch to reach England. This officer said the other day: "Before I left India my little brother—he is 23—came to me and said he had volunteered for the R.A.F."

"Why did you do that?" I asked him. "Well," he said, "supposing you get killed. Only supposing. Well, if you do, we want at least one member of our family fighting these dashed Germans, don't we?"



Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



# A PAGE FOR WOMEN Bring Roses To The Cheeks

Too many young girls, especially rely on a rouge pot to get colour in their cheeks. Lovely natural colour should be in the cheeks from an abundance of good health which supplies the body with rich, red blood.

Iron, from foods, is a very essential mineral and it might be a good idea if you checked over your daily eating habits to determine if you consume sufficient iron to help supply you with energy and keep your blood adequately stocked with hemoglobin.

To quote a nutritionist hemoglobin is simply described thusly: "Woven into the cells of the body is the red part of the blood—the hemoglobin, which gives your cheeks their colour and your body energy and life itself. It is this hemoglobin which picks up the oxygen from the air you breathe and disposes of the waste carbon dioxide. When there is an insufficient amount of iron in the blood, the hemoglobin becomes pale and inactive, and the blood itself is said to be 'anemic.' Gone are the roses from the cheeks, the energy and zest for living the person becomes pallid, sickly, listless, a prey to infections."

## Memorise Your Iron Foods

If you want to be a beauty, and of course you do, you should learn which foods are high in iron. Each day eat of one or two iron foods.

Watercress—one of the best  
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Prunes  
Peas  
Lentils  
Berries  
Ripe Olives  
Beets

cabbage  
Carrots  
Onions

Lettuce—½ head a day

Also bear in mind when buying or ordering vegetables that the dark green vegetables are the most

excellent source of vegetable iron—such as spinach, parsley, watercress, beet greens. In fact the fresh juices of spinach, parsley and watercress make the most beneficial skin tonics for pale people.



Good health creates a beauty which is irresistible. This young girl's vitality makes it possible for her to be a successful model. Who could resist that ravishing smile and those bright eyes?

# WATCH That BLACK-OUT

By MARY ROSE



some of it is made with a light facing.

When doors open straight out some kind of screen must be fitted to prevent the rays from shining on the ground. A screen, a wooden partition or a thick portiere are practicable.

Curtains should be full. They must hang well over the frame. If there are metal fittings, a wooden board or cardboard covered with black paper should be fitted at the top of the metal rail, so the shafts of light do not show at the top.

See that curtains which meet at the middle are fitted on double rails or, failing that, they should have a good overlap which can be press-studded together. If curtains are tacked to the wooden frames at the sides there is no fear that careless pulling will leave a chink. Should you have single pull-right-across-the-window black-out curtains, best plan is to have them firmly tacked to the wooden frame at one side, and at nighttime tack the other side temporarily with drawing pins. It's a good plan to keep plenty of drawing pins handy.

Another way is to paste a thick strip of black paper at the sides and at the top of windows. This does well when windows are large, but rather takes away from available light during the daytime in the case of small windows.

## Let 'Sunshine' Help

The sun is so vital to your good health that it might be said little good is drawn from the food you eat unless the valuable rays of the sun is allowed to penetrate your skin and help the millions of little important cells do their gigantic job of keeping you healthy. You should get into the sunshine every day—winter and summer when the sun shines. You can live without so much sunshine it is true, but you will be a more ravishing beauty and a more healthy woman if you will let the sun help you!



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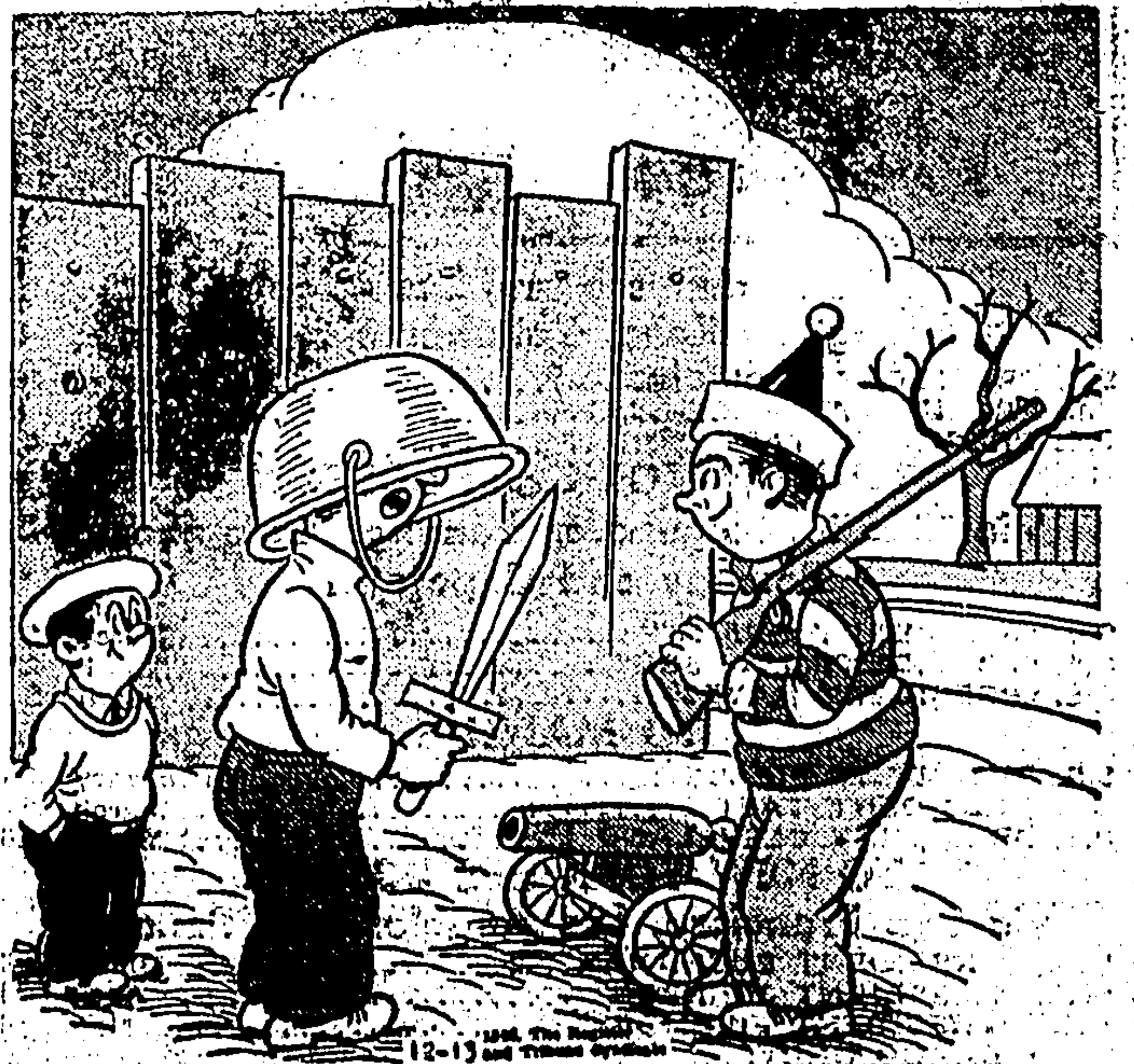


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By ED REED



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TUESDAY  
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### OUTWARD MAILS

TUESDAY  
Straits and Rangoon ..... 12.30 p.m.  
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Par ..... (18) 5.00 p.m.  
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Canton ..... 7.00 p.m.

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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Dance Music by Maurice Winnick & His Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Luigini—Ballet Egyptian.

1.15 p.m.—Popular Ballads.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Film Selections.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

2.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

3.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

3.52 p.m.—Compositions of Weber.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Britain Speaks'.

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Schubert—Rondo in A Major.

8.17 p.m.—Alfred Cortot playing Two Chopin Ballades.

8.33 p.m.—Selections from Light Opera.

Les Cloches De Corneville—Overture (Pianquetti); La Fille De Madame Angot—Overture (Lecocq)....Vienna Symphony Orchestra.

The Land of Smiles—Selection (Lehar)....London Theatre Orchestra cond. by Ernest Irving.

Chu Chin Chow—Selection (Norton)....Gaumont British Orch. cond. by Louis Levy.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 p.m.—Variety with Frances Day, William McCulloch and The Hill Billies.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: 'Scots Abroad'.

10.15 p.m.—Dance Music.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

## THEY CALL HIM THE SAINT...

(By A LONDON CORRESPONDENT)

DOWN IN THE EAST END they call him the Saint. Men raise their hats to this tall and thin figure striding through the streets like a friendly hurricane, his monk's gown blown out behind him, and an old and tattered raincoat on his shoulders.

From Whitehall went high officials, headed by bulky Robert Boothby, Under-Secretary of State to the Ministry of Food, to pay tribute to this man whose work in the civilian front line has inspired the people of the East End.

Here is the story of the Saint, otherwise Father John Groser, as I heard it from the people among whom he works.

Their faith in him is touching. They told me with tears in their eyes that hardly has the sound of a falling bomb passed into the sky than Father Groser is on his way to the scene.

If there are trapped men and women to be rescued, his scrawny frame is to be seen among the debris, his strong arms tearing at stones and wood, while his voice cheers trapped and rescuers alike.

### They Wait For Him

Said one man: "It never seems to matter where the bomb falls, our Saint gets there with the first of the rescuers."

"You feel he is waiting round the corner for it to fall."

But Father Groser is a practical Saint, and the poor who spend their nights in the air raid shelters wait impatiently for his coming.

In the early days of the bombing he was shocked by the fact that so many of the poor went to the shelters hungry and left even more hungry.

His church had little money, and he had less. He begged, he implored, he cajoled, striking at officials and private bodies alike until mobile canteens to suit his needs were secured.

Now every evening with a band of willing helpers he takes his canteens from shelter to shelter, giving food and drink.

### Feeds Them All

Tea is a penny a cup, sandwiches a penny each, if you have the money. If you haven't—well, Father Groser says: "Help yourself. I'll get the money somehow."

He feeds them all—Christians, Jews, Chinese, Moslems—without thought of creed or race.

He is there when they go to the shelter and there when they come out to give them his blessing for their souls and his food for their bodies.

He found an empty church hall, and in the night the homeless who have left the ruins of stone and mortar trek there. He feeds them, clothes them, shelters them until the local authorities can take charge.

Next to his church stood one built by people of a different creed. A bomb wrecked it. To its minister went Father Groser, saying: "Take my church. We'll make one do for both."

That is the story of Father Groser. Do you wonder that they call him the Saint?

## HE WENT TO WAR AT 13

Thirteen-year-old Anastasius Charlabopoulos, decorated front-line soldier of Greece, is in Athens on leave.

When Charlabopoulos, senior, was called to the front recently, young Anastasius decided the family would be insufficiently represented in the battle against the Italians.

So he hid himself in blankets going to the front line in a lorry. He was detected at Koritza.

The authorities managed eventually to persuade Anastasius to return to his family.

But they awarded him an honorary corporal's stripe and gave him the privilege of wearing a medal for his exploits.

Anastasius, interviewed with his three brothers at home, said firmly: "I intend to remain here for a holiday and return to the fighting line early next month."

## CHILDREN GUNNED

A Nazi bomber dived from low clouds over a south-east England village and bombed and machine-gunned children as they were leaving school.

It was an indefensible outrage, but only one man, a cyclist, was slightly wounded.

The attack was made on the play-ground as the children were dispersing and on a country lane along which some scholars and their mothers were dotted.

Bullets spattered along the road as the women and children were called back to school by teachers or took shelter under trees and in ditches.

The bombs fell wide and did little damage.

Barbara Carr, an apparently unruffled 14-year-old schoolgirl, said "I was just crossing the play-ground with a friend when we heard the plane zoom from the clouds. A moment later we heard the rat-tat-tat of machine-gun fire. Bullets hit the ground very near us."

Eye-witnesses were convinced that the machine-gunning of the children was deliberate.

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His real name is Albert and he is in his seventy-first year. His wife always calls him Bert.

It is her pride to keep up her husband's reputation as a "white sweep," and she washes his white "dickies" to perfection.

Daisy remembers the days when sweeps were very black, so black that they never bothered to wash.

"The blackest sweep I ever saw," he says, "was called John Thomas."

"He used to climb inside the chimneys, so it wasn't any use for him to wash."

On Sundays Daisy functions in his back garden as the village barber, specialising in a nice haircut for twopence or threepence according to the size of the job.

Only once in forty years has any rival chimney-sweep tried to set up shop in Shamley Green.

He lasted three days.

## A CREW'S FIRST RAID

So thorough is the training of our bomber crews that they can go into action for the first time with the complete confidence that they are technically ready for any task.

There was an example of a successful first encounter with the enemy recently.

A bomber, with an entirely new crew, was detailed to attack the aerodrome at Haamstede. Though the A.A. fire over the target area was so close and accurate that the observation panels of the bomber were smashed, the crew persisted in their attack and successfully dropped a stick of heavy bombs across the landing ground, one bomb bursting alongside a hangar. Six Mes. 109 were seen on the ground, and the British bomber circled for a second time and attacked them with machine-gun fire to such purpose that one Me. burst into flames and was destroyed.

## BANK SENSATION EXPLAINED

It is now revealed that the action by the Chase Bank and National City Bank announced yesterday, "suspension of cheque accounts as from March 1 as a precautionary measure," refers only to foreign currency accounts.

Officials of both Banks expressly state that no change will be made in the matter of local dollar accounts.—Reuter.

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## MOTHER SEEKS A DEAD HERO'S PHOTO GIRL

WHENEVER AIRCRAFTMAN W. J. Davidson flew into battle, he carried with him the photograph of a beautiful girl, clad in a brief playsuit and bronzed with the sun of the West Indian island of Bequia.

A few months ago the young airman died heroically fighting the Italians in East Africa. Now it is the dearest wish of his mother to trace the girl who she believes was her son's sweetheart, but whom she has not seen.

## BOMBER VERSUS FIGHTER

During a recent encounter with a Messerschmidt 110 the sergeant pilot of a British bomber had to evade the enemy without knowing from which direction the attack was being made. The bomber had done its work, but while it was over its target anti-aircraft fire had wrecked the intercommunication system.

Normally the rear-gunner or the wireless operator can at once let the pilot know exactly what is going on, but now, as the pilot said:

"We were like four dumb men. It was only the smell of codite from the rear guns, just as we were getting near the Zuider Zee, which made me realise that we were in any danger. There was cloud right below us, but it was six thousand feet away, and I had to make a long dive for it with the Messerschmidt spitting at us almost the whole way. The navigator was in much the same position as I was; he didn't realise we were being attacked until a couple of cannon shells hit the port engine. As it happened they did very little harm."

"Other shells made several holes in the wings, and we had begun to look a bit like a colander when the Messerschmidt stopped using its cannon and began to let fly at us with its machine-guns. The bomber was hit several times, and our rear-gunner was unfortunately wounded in the foot; the wireless operator had a very narrow escape when a bullet smashed the air bottle which inflates his Mae West jacket; he himself wasn't hurt at all."

"The two rear gunners got rid of several thousand rounds of ammunition; things were extremely difficult for them and, as they told me afterwards, they saw the Messerschmidt rising and falling right in line with the tailplane, during the whole of the fight."

"I don't know whether they hit the Messerschmidt at all—if they didn't it's difficult to see why he broke off the action before we had actually reached the cloud. We saw him pass us on the port side and I should say he was getting away at about 450 miles an hour."

A few days ago her son's belongings were returned to their home in The Quadrant, Balkwell, North Shields, Northumberland. Among them was the photograph with this message on the back:—

"Sunday, 25.2.40. My Bequia garb for two weeks, halter and pants. Taken in the grounds at Tony Gibbons." It is signed simply "Cynth."

And that is the only clue.

In her sorrow, Mrs. Davidson has appealed to the newspapers to help her in the search for the one person in the world whom she feels can bring her some solace for the loss of the boy they both loved.

Perhaps Cynth does not know of the young airman's death. If not, her grief will be tempered with pride when she learns how he died.

It was in July when Aircraftman Davidson flew to attack an Italian fort on the Sudanese border. His plane was shot down and crashed a few hundred yards in front of the fort.

Davidson, riddled with bullets, jumped as the plane crashed. When they found him, conscious but mortally wounded, his first thoughts were for his pilot, and what had happened to him. Then he asked: "What sort of a show did we make of the bombing?"

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# 8th Heavy Regt. "A" Will Take A Lot Of Stopping In Sevens

## Two Encounters Postponed Birrell Plays Big Part In Sappers' Win

The inability of Royal Scots to play their First Round Seven-A-Side Rugby Tournament matches yesterday was disappointing, but the five games played provided excellent fare, although the only pointer to later successes was given by 8th Heavy Regiment "A", who are going to take a lot of stopping.

### MIDDLESEX "A" 7 TAMAR & SMALL SHIPS "B" 5

A try by Berry and a dropped goal by Man gave the soldiers a 7-0 interval lead. Thereafter the sailors had more of the game and Rutherford scored a try which Watson converted.

Tamar played Rutherford at forward and Gallacher was slow in getting the ball away from the base of the scrum. McGill was good in defence, while Poole was an energetic forward.

Middlesex were much quicker on the ball and their forwards were too fast for their opposites. Man and Berry both deserved their scores.

### COMBINED SMALL UNITS "A" 9 5TH A.A. "B" 0

Two good tries by Pratt gave Small Units a 6-0 lead at half time, and Macdonald added a third try, between the posts.

Bedford played a grand game at forward, having one 30-yard run that nearly produced a score. Morgan was an enterprising scrum-half and Macdonald showed his speed on several occasions. Hamblin's touch-kicking relieved his side on numerous occasions.

Easterbrook was safe in his tackling if the opponent was in reach, but he was slow to position himself.

### 8TH HEAVY "A" 11 JARDINE'S 0

Two tries by Richards, the first of which Marsh converted, saw the Gunners 8-0 in the lead at the interval and Skipwith added the remaining three points with a try that Marsh failed to convert. Near the end Marsh crossed Ewo's line but dropped the ball.

The speed of Marsh and Richards was too much for Jardine's, while Skipwith played an aggressive type of game, knowing the nearest way to the line. Hook was in an orthodox mood behind a scrum which invariably heeled the ball from the set scrums.

Eager played surprisingly well at scrum-half for Jardine's. His service was mediocre but his tackling was always sound. Bosanquet bought a beautiful dummy from Richards early on, and he never settled down thereafter.

### CIVIL SERVICE 12 12TH HEAVY "B" 3

Morgan gave Civil Servants a 3-0 lead with an unconverted try but the losers were on equal terms through Giddins, only for Civil Service to lead 6-3 following an unconverted try—there was no time for the kick, right in front of the posts—by Hynes. Morgan then made a 50-yard dash for a spectacular try and Taylor added the final try but failed to convert his effort between the posts.

Morgan was outstanding for the winners and Giddins was the most dangerous of the gunners.

R.E. 13 5TH A.A. "A" 3  
Picton scored an unconverted try after Birrell had hit the upright with a penalty kick to give Sappers a 3-0 interval lead. Birrell then scored between the posts and converted his effort, but Giblin reduced the Gunners' arrears with a good try that ought to have been converted. Birrell completed the scoring with a try between the posts which he converted himself.

Birrell, hero of last year's R.E. team, was always dangerous and his kicking was amazingly accurate considering a fairly heavy ball. Picton and Sheldrake were two others to shine in a team which played well together.

Page was prominent for Gunners on many occasions and Fanclough and Dobbinson were sound in defence.

Following were the teams:  
Middlesex "A"—Jackson, Lieut. Weeden and Capt. Man, Pte. Jones, Pte. Berry, Sgt. Bayly and Capt. Hewitt (capt.).

Royal Engineers—Sgt. Jones (T), Cpl. Picton and Cpl. Birrell, Cpl. Foley (capt.), Sgt. Martin (L), L/Sgt. Davis and L/Sgt. Sheldrake.

12th Heavy Regt. "B"—Gnr. McCarthy, Gnr. Howarth and Gnr. Hall; L/Bdr. Denton, Gnr. Bullen, 2/Lieut. Delderfield (capt.) and Bdr. Giddins.

Combined Small Units "A"—Pte. Macdonald, Sgt. Pratt and Sgt. Hamblin; L/Cpl. Morgan; Pte. Mohan, Cpl. Chandler and Sgt. Bedford.

Civil Service—A. J. G. Taylor (capt.), K. W. Farrow and T. O. Morgan; J. Redman; B. Hynes, F. Burford and E. W. R. Hackett.

5th A.A. Regt. "A"—2/Lieut. Fairclough, Gnr. Giblin and Gnr. Baker; Gnr. Dobbinson; Gnr. Evans, L/Cpl. Clarke and Sgt. Page (capt.).

5th A.A. Regt. "B"—Gnr. Easterbrook, Gnr. Bevan and Gnr. Sutcliffe; L/Bdr. Clarke; 2/Lieut. Banner, Gnr. Mullen and Gnr. Owen.

Jardine's—D. I. Bosanquet (capt.), N. J. Booker and D. B. Nelson; J. C. Eager; R. G. Geer, R. G. Whitbourne and G. J. P. Carey.

Tamar and Small Ships "B"—P. O. Clough; S/Lt. McGill and S/Lt. Danger; A. B. Gallacher; S/Lt. Poole, Lieut. Watson and Lieut. Rutherford (capt.).

8th Heavy Regt. "A"—L/Bdr. Richards; Sgt. Marsh and Capt. Skipwith; Capt. Hook (capt.); Gnr. Cook, L/Bdr. McDermott and Gnr. Turner.

## FANLING HUNT TO MEET SUNDAY

The second point-to-point of the season will be held at Fanling at 3.00 p.m. on Sunday.

The start will be from near the Kwangti Racecourse and the first flag will be about three-quarters of a mile up the Shautaukok Road near Hill 27. This flag is to be kept on the left and the course from thence runs to the left of Lichee Farm. The second flag will be at the open expanse at the end of the gallops and this flag must also be kept on the left, after which riders will turn homewards for the finish at Kitten Hill.

For the convenience of competitors who wish to walk or ride the course, flags will be up on Friday and will be left there until after the race.

Entries will be divided into two classes, Australian ponies and China ponies, and there will be first, second and third prizes in each class. The Australian entries will be allowed away first, to be followed by the China ponies, each class to be judged separately.

No colours are required, as competitors will be supplied with arm-bands beforehand. The wearing of hard hats is essential.

Entries, accompanied by a fee of \$3, may be sent to Captain J. G. Whittaker, No. 1 Garden Terrace.—Contributed.

A Billiards Social Evening will be held at the European Y.M.C.A. at 7.30 p.m. to-day for members and their friends.

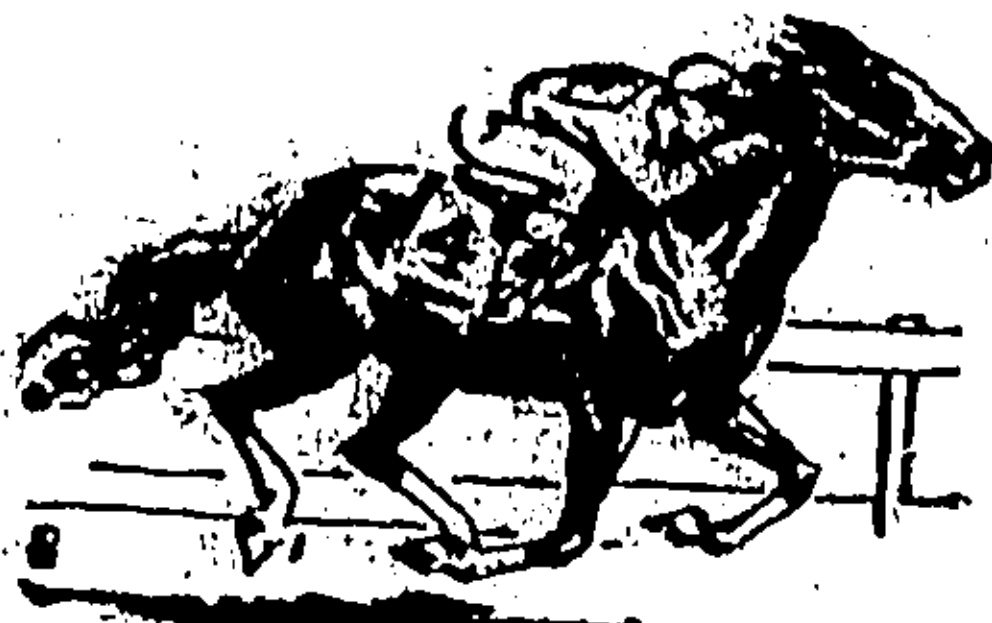
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Following is how the jockeys and owners fared yesterday:

| JOCKEYS         |     |     |     |     |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|                 | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Un. |
| V. V. Needa     | 2   | 0   | 0   | 6   |
| H. C. Pih       | 1   | 2   | 0   | 5   |
| P. Y. T. Wei    | 1   | 1   | 2   | 4   |
| W. H. S. Davis  | 1   | 1   | 0   | 5   |
| H. J. Holden    | 1   | 0   | 1   | 0   |
| C. B. Moller    | 1   | 0   | 1   | 2   |
| D. H. S. Craven | 1   | 0   | 1   | 3   |
| Ip Kul-ying     | 1   | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| H. J. A. Hearne | 1   | 0   | 0   | 2   |
| S. C. Liang     | 1   | 0   | 0   | 4   |
| B. L. Tao       | 1   | 0   | 0   | 8   |
| W. G. Poy       | 0   | 2   | 0   | 2   |
| M. M. Sokoloff  | 0   | 2   | 0   | 5   |
| F. Noodt        | 0   | 1   | 1   | 3   |
| L. B. Chao      | 0   | 1   | 1   | 6   |
| A. D. Coppin    | 0   | 1   | 0   | 1   |
| D. G. Woo       | 0   | 1   | 0   | 2   |
| D. Black        | 0   | 0   | 4   | 5   |
| S. W. Tang      | 0   | 0   | 1   | 4   |
| T. W. Chattey   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| F. A. Sequelra  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| K. W. Fung      | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| S. W. Lee       | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| K. I. Ip        | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| S. W. Pan       | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| R. K. C. Chiu   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   |
| Tang Man-wa     | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   |
| B. A. Proulx    | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   |
| Yeung Wing-kwai | 0   | 0   | 0   | 3   |
| Ho Hong-ping    | 0   | 0   | 0   | 3   |
| R. M. Wood      | 0   | 0   | 0   | 4   |
| Hoo Pak-ming    | 0   | 0   | 0   | 4   |
| P. P. Botelho   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 5   |
| G. L. Sung      | 0   | 0   | 0   | 5   |
| S. Treverton    | 0   | 0   | 0   | 5   |
| H. S. Chang     | 0   | 0   | 0   | 6   |
| S. L. Yuen      | 0   | 0   | 0   | 7   |

### OWNERS

|                    | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| T. K. L.           | 2   | 0   | 0   |
| Lan                | 1   | 2   | 0   |
| Cire               | 1   | 1   | 1   |
| Necan              | 1   | 0   | 0   |
| C. W. K.           | 1   | 0   | 0   |
| Mrs. A. E. Grasett | 1   | 0   | 0   |
| P. & L.            | 1   | 0   | 0   |
| Young Bros.        | 1   | 0   | 0   |
| Weetoo             | 1   | 0   | 0   |
| Li Po-chun         | 1   | 0   | 0   |
| Shields & Stantons | 1   | 0   | 0   |
| Eve                | 0   | 2   | 0   |
| S. K.              | 0   | 1   | 0   |
| Eu Tong-sen        | 0   | 1   | 0   |
| C. H.              | 0   | 1   | 0   |
| Lee Bros.          | 0   | 1   | 0   |
| Lee Chi-choh       | 0   | 1   | 0   |
| Billy              | 0   | 1   | 0   |
| S. W. Lee          | 0   | 1   | 0   |
| Quartermaster      | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| C. N. K.           | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| Gredmaka           | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| Toots              | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| Marber             | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| Vilaja             | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| Pearstur           | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| S. S.              | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| Manetta            | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| G. Tinson          | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| Mrs. Chuong Ho-yen | 0   | 0   | 1   |



## RAPIER'S SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY

|                                                |                    |                 |                   |                             |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Race No. 1                                     | FRESH AIR          | JUS GENTIUM     | HAPPY RETURNS     | Outsider:—Moonlight.        |
| Race No. 2                                     | BURFORD            | O-LAN           | EVE OF HARVEST    | Outsider:—Confusion Bay.    |
| Race No. 3                                     | KING'S WELCOME     | FLEETWING       | COLOOMA           | Outsider:—Ratio Decidendi.  |
| Race No. 4                                     | UNITED EXPRESS     | AMULET STAR     | ARAXY II          | Outsider:—National Welfare. |
| Race No. 5                                     | JOHNBER            | ONAGH           | AVON              | Outsider:—Humdrum Eve.      |
| Race No. 6                                     | COOLONG            | CHARLESBER      | LOVELYLIGHT       | Outsider:—Velvetlight.      |
| Race No. 7                                     | ENDEAVOUR          | BLACK SEAL      | MAINSAIL          | Outsider:—Seal River.       |
| Race No. 8                                     | NOMINE POENAE      | DISTANT VIEW    | FIRST LOVE        | Outsider:—Prairie View.     |
| Race No. 9                                     | A SURPRISING TIME  | ROYAL SOVEREIGN | BENDEMEER         | Outsider:—Dashing Beauty.   |
| Race No. 10                                    | SANTA ANITA        | NEWBORN STAR    | NEVER-NEVER       | Outsider:—Hole In One.      |
| Race No. 11                                    | SOLDIER OF BRITAIN | EVE OF PEACE    | ROYAL WEDDING EVE | Outsider:—Lovely Star.      |
| Race No. 12                                    | SPRINGHURST        | FAIR CHANCE     | MANY THANKS       | Outsider:—Vixen Tor.        |
| Daily Double:—Endeavour and A Surprising Time. |                    |                 |                   |                             |

## EFFECT OF WAR ON BRITISH GOLF

If the war ended to-morrow, professionals say it would be 10 years before British golf would recover from its effects, writes Harry Grayson from New York.

It took 10 years for England to even partially recover its playing strength following World War I, and the current conflict may deal the game in the old world a much more punishing blow than the one of 1914-18.

American golfers wonder what is happening to such shrines of the sport as St. Andrews, Hoylake, Prestwick, Sandwich and Deal.

Dick Chapman has his mind set on the North and South Amateur at Pinehurst, and take it or leave it, the Augusta Masters.

Although he was brought up on the Pinehurst courses, Chapman has never won the North and South. "The Masters" is a large order.

But people listen to Chapman now when he announces his plans. It was last winter that he told Pinehurst friends he was going to join the Winged Foot Golf Club in New York, study the course and win the National Amateur in September.

Chapman, wintering in Florida, will go to Pinehurst early in the spring for his big efforts there and in Augusta.

Jimmy Thomson, concerned about his short game, spent a month at Pinehurst brushing up for the winter tour. John Forsman, president of Winged Foot, took motion pictures of Thomson's swing. There were long night sessions in which Horton Smith and other golfing analysts probed deeply into the Scotsman's methods.

Jimmy Thomson made adjustments and shot a 68 over the championship course in his farewell.

Golf is the one game in which the stars jump at the chance to help one another.

## YACHTING RESULTS

The sixth women's championship series sailed by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday resulted:

|                       |                 |   |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---|
| Gull                  | 16.58.36        | 8 |
| (Miss B. M. Richards) |                 |   |
| True Blue             | 17.01.21        | 6 |
| (Mrs. M. Johnson)     |                 |   |
| Maureen               | 17.04.29        | 4 |
| (Mrs. W. Whittaker)   |                 |   |
| Artemis               | did not finish. |   |

## VOLUNTEER CRICKET CANCELLED

Owing to the persistent drizzle which has fallen since this morning the cricket match between Kowloon Cricket Club and Volunteers, arranged for to-day, has been cancelled.

## VOLUNTEER MATCH OFF

Owing to the ground being unfit, the match between Club and the Volunteers yesterday was cancelled.

## SUNDAY'S HOCKEY

The following are the Hong Kong Hockey Association tournament fixtures for Sunday:

|            |                          |
|------------|--------------------------|
| 10.30 A.M. | A. N. O. K. v. Peatraya  |
|            | Recreo v. Universally    |
| 2 P.M.     | 2/M.T.B. v. Signals      |
|            | Fifth A.A. "A" v. Khales |
| 4.00 P.M.  | Nomads v. Engineers      |
|            | Polles "B" v. Punjab     |
|            | C.B.A. v. Fifth A.A. "B" |

## LACOSTE NOMINATED TENNIS CHIEF

LAWN TENNIS ENTHUSIASTS have probably been wondering what has happened to the famous French players. News is gradually coming to hand.

Jean Borotra was recently appointed Commissioner for Physical Education and Sports, and now he has asked his old colleague, Rene Lacoste, one of the greatest of French players, to become president of the French Lawn Tennis Federation.

Lacoste was one of the famous "four musketeers"—Borotra, Henri Cochet and Jacques Brugnon were the others who won the Davis Cup for France from the United States of America, at Philadelphia in 1927, and held it until Great Britain won it in 1933.

### Wimbledon Visitor

Lacoste was a regular and popular visitor to Wimbledon where he won the singles championship in 1925 and 1926, but he has been out of the public eye for some ten years, having retired from inter-

national lawn tennis. Unlike Borotra, he had a steady, unspectacular style in which accuracy figured to a high degree.

Lacoste took his game so seriously that he always did special physical training for important contests. He also kept copious notes of his matches. He made a note of reasons for any defeats and jotted down suggestions on how he could improve faulty strokes.

An American once offered him \$200 for one of his notebooks. Lacoste refused. "It helps me and that is a priceless consideration," he said.

In the year before the war Borotra helped to launch "popular tennis" in the French public parks. It is likely that some revival of this scheme will be included in his plans.—Reuter.



## ARMY SPORTLIGHT

# Army Rugby Sevens Should Be Very Open

## 'Diehards' At Last Do The Trick; Beat Sing Tao

By "Squaddy"

**T**O-DAY at Sookunpoo there are two games being played in the Large Units' Rugby League, between Royal Engineers and the Middlesex Regiment in the first match, and Combined Royal Artillery and Royal Scots in the second match.

The first game will commence at 3 p.m., and the second at 4.30 p.m.

Engineers are favoured to win their match with the Middlesex, although the latter are a team not to be underestimated, as the Combined Small Units found to their cost last week. In a previous fixture the Engineers defeated the strong Royal Scots fifteen by getting a try in the last few minutes of the game.

In the second match the Combined Royal Artillery and the Royal Scots should have a hard battle as both have a good team and are well experienced, having several Army players in their midst. Royal Scots have the stronger back division, especially in Capt. Douglass, who is an excellent all round player.

This season the Army seven-a-side competition will be very open as many of the Army sevens are stronger than in previous seasons. Among the teams entering are Royal Engineers, who can call upon the services of Cpl. Birrell, Cpl. Pictou, Cpl. Foley, and Sgt. Sheldrake. The Middlesex Regiment also have some excellent players in their midst, including Capt. Man, Capt. Hewitt, Lieut. Weedon, Sgt. Bayly, L/Cpl. Moggeridge, Pte. Berry and Pte. Jones. Combined Small Units have about the strongest Army seven in Hong Kong and should be able to offer strong opposition to all comers. They will most probably turn out the same team as they have entered for the Colony seven-a-side which is taking place this week. Their team is as follows:—Pte. Macdonald, Lieut. Coombes (Capt.), Sgt. Hamlin, L/Cpl. Morgan, Sgt. Mantfield, Cpl. Chandler, and Sgt. Bedford. Other likely teams for this competition will be the 8th Hvy. Regt., R.A., 12th Hvy. Regt., R.A., 5th A.A. Regt., R.A., and the Royal Scots.

## ASSOCIATION

## FOOTBALL

**A**T last the Diehards have accomplished the feat of beating Sing Tao in Senior Division of the Hong Kong Football League. They were unlucky in their two previous matches with this club and lost by the odd goal, Sing Tao on both occasions being saved by their goalkeeper.

Middlesex have still to find a centre-forward, and if this could be done they would be able to go much further in the football world than they have done. They are top of all non-Chinese teams in the League.

Engineers and Service Corps are fighting hard for Second Division honours, and neither side can afford to drop a point at a moment like this. During the last month the Engineers have not been playing their usual standard of football, although they have only lost one match this season out of 19 games. Service Corps have lost three out of 20.

At Sookunpoo to-morrow, Signals will meet the 30th Hvy. Bty., R.A. in the re-play of the Junior Shield.

Signals, a Third Division side, did well to hold 30th Bty. in the previous game and it would not surprise if they knocked out the Gunners to-morrow. They have still a good chance of pulling off Third Division honours as they are only two points behind the leaders, Royal Air Force.

The Scottish team for the International Cup final against England are having trouble in finding a centre-half. I think they should give Cpl. Birrell, of the Royal En-

gineers a trial in this position as he is a hard worker and has played for the Army in several representative matches.

## HOCKEY

**A**T Shan shuipo on Sunday, Middlesex Regiment defeated the Punjabs by five goals to one in the Large Units Hockey League. They still have an unbeaten record this year and the challenge that they have given the British Army ranks should be an excellent match to look forward to, as in my opinion they will be able to extend them. They have lost a good player in Pte. Stickley, who, I understand, is on the injured list, and his place is being filled by Sgt. Freshwater of the Battalion football eleven.

## DADO'S BIG WIN OVER OLIVEIRA

Little Dado, the Filipino battler who holds the world's fly-weight championship, decisively defeated Tony Oliveira, of San Francisco, in a 10-round bout at Honolulu last month.

Dado, weighing 115 pounds, won every round. Some fight experts said it was the worst beating Oliveira ever absorbed during his ring career. Oliveira weighed in for the bout at 117½ pounds.—A.P.

## SPORTS CAMPAIGN FOR THE ARMY

**THE ARMY IS PREPARING** a big sport campaign. Troops training in Britain are to have more recreation and games, writes a correspondent.

The authorities know that physical fitness won through sport keeps soldiers happy — and keen to meet the enemy when the time comes.

Plans for developing Army sport were considered at a meeting called by the Army Sports Control Board. It was attended by commanding officers, who had before them the views of the big civilian sports organisations.

Mr. S. F. Rous, the Football Association secretary; Mr. L. Richardson, hon. secretary of the English Cross-Country Union, and Mr. Frank Attwood, of the Amateur Boxing Association, were there.

## No Championships

No Army championships in games are planned, but individual championships in athletics may be organised by the different commands.

Possibly teams could compete for championships in divisions.

While there are plenty of grounds available, equipment still provides a big problem.

Some units have their own sports funds. But as the authorities feel that everyone in the Army should take part in some sort of game, much more equipment is wanted.

The question of the ex-professional football player, obtaining leave to play for his former club at weekends is stated to be unchanged.

## BING CROSBY-BOB HOPE'S BRITISH CHARITY GOLF

Bob Hope and Bing Crosby are teaming up with a pair of golf pros for a tour of the country in charity matches for British War relief. They will make personals at theatres in towns where they play, that money also going for war relief.

Duke of Windsor expected to join them on the Florida circuit.

## S'HAU-OWNED COLT TRAINED OVER HURDLES

Chateau Larose, the promising two-year-old owned by Mr. H. E. Morris of Shanghai, and trained by the Hon. George Lambton, at Newmarket, has been given practice over hurdles.

It is thought that this will cause the colt to settle down in readiness for the flat next season.

Chateau Larose, is by Chateau Bouscaut-Pasca, and is a half brother to Pasch, who won the Two Thousand Guineas and Eclipse Stakes, for Mr. Morris in 1938.

He has raced only twice. He made a winning first appearance in the Rosendale Stakes at Manchester in October, and in his next race finished fourth in the Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket.

Chateau Larose holds a number of important engagements next season. Among them are the Two Thousand Guineas, Derby, St. Leger and Eclipse Stakes. — Reuter.

# DEATH OF FAMOUS GOLFING FIGURE

**FRONT RANK GOLFER** for more than a quarter of a century, winner of eight British amateur titles, and the first amateur to win the Open, Mr. John Ball died recently at Holywell, North Wales, aged 79.

A native of Hoylake, Cheshire, Ball, acclaimed by all as a "born golfer," made an appearance in an Open championship when in his teens, and startled the golfing world by finishing sixth, only eight strokes behind the winner.

Seven years later he played in the first amateur championship, and reached the semi-final, in which he lost to Horace Hutchinson by two holes.

Ball won the title in 1888, 1890, 1892, 1894, 1899, 1907, 1910 and 1912. In 1890 he also won the "Open", a feat not equalled until America's Bobby Jones secured both honours ten years ago.

## Irish Champion

Ball won innumerable other awards. He was Irish Open Amateur champion three times, four times winner of the St. George's Grand Challenge Cup, and holder of scratch medals in all parts of the country.

A reserved man, who never spoke of his triumphs, Ball had only one rival who challenged his eminence. This was Harold Hilton, four times amateur champion, and there was an interesting sequel in 1927, when the championship was played at Hoylake.

Hilton was beaten in the first round, and Ball, who had a bye, lost in his opening match. It was a somewhat melancholy ending to two great golfing careers, as neither was afterwards seen in championship play.

From 1902 to 1911 Ball captained the English team against Scotland in amateur international matches.

He should retain for many years his record as eight times British Amateur title holder.—Reuter.

## RECREIO TROUNCED BY VARSITY

University "A" defeated Recreio 6-0, in "A" division of the badminton league last night.

P. K. Hooi and H. F. Chew (Univ. "A") beat M. A. Oliveira and A. M. Rodrigues 21-12  
beat J. J. Remedios and H. F. Gonsalves 21-7  
beat L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva 23-22  
K. W. Choy and G. K. Lee (Univ. "A") beat Oliveira and Rodrigues 21-3  
beat Remedios and Gonsalves 21-12  
beat Carvalho and Silva 21-1  
M. S. Lim and S. F. Yung (Univ. "A") beat Oliveira and Rodrigues 21-10  
beat Remedios and Gonsalves 21-2  
beat Carvalho and Silva 21-10

## League Table

|                | P. | L. | W. | F. | A. | Pts. |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| University "A" | 4  | 0  | 4  | 33 | 3  | 8    |
| University "B" | 3  | 1  | 2  | 16 | 11 | 4    |
| Recreio        | 4  | 3  | 1  | 9  | 27 | 2    |
| Chinese "Y"    | 5  | 4  | 1  | 14 | 31 | 2    |

## Carson For P.I. Tennis Open

L. D. Carson, Shanghai's ace tennis player, will be figuring in the biggest tourney of his career this month when he plays in the Philippine Open Tennis Championship in Manila, which attracts some of the best talent in the Far East and Australia states the Shanghai "China Press."

Carson left recently for the southern city and is expected to be away for about a month, during which time he will probably also take part in the Philippine Wack Golf Championship.

This is the third time that Carson has been invited by the Philippine Lawn Tennis Association to take part in this championship but this year is the first time that the Shanghai star has been able to accept.

While in Shanghai, Carson has swept aside all opposition in a highly convincing manner and it will be extremely interesting to see how he will fare against first-rate competition. It may be recalled that Carson received a strong test in May 1930 when F. Ampon, the Filipino Davis Cup player, paid a visit here. On that occasion, Carson was out of practice, but nevertheless he gave an excellent account of himself despite losing the match.

## Rapid Golf Rise

Carson's visit to Manila and his possible participation in a golf tourney there also throws attention to his rapid rise in the local golf world. It was not more than three years ago that he first picked up the game, but in the brief interval since then, he has cut his handicap down from 24 to two. His biggest achievement, however, was his performance in the China Open Amateur Championship play last year when he finished up as runner-up to Tony Ricketts.

He is not expected to capture the Wack Wack Open, which has a purse of U.S. \$5,000 for participating professionals, but he should be able to rank well at the top.

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# RACES IN A DRIZZLE

## Outsiders Pay Big Dividends In Gymkhana Hcp.

### Magnificent Riding By Mr. Davis

**LEADEN SKIES AND persistent drizzle continued to-day to dampen race enthusiasm, though there was an excellent crowd present when the Derby was run this afternoon.**

The outstanding feature of this morning's five races was the magnificent handling of Eve of Reason, a rank outsider, by Mr. Daffy Davis in the Gymkhana Handicap.

Lying fifteenth in a field of 20 at the Rock, he had to take a wide berth for his spurt, but he had secured first position by the time he had reached the Mile starting post.

This tremendous effort had, however, left its mark and Conquering Time (Mr. Moller) and other outsider, managed to dead heat.

Eve of Harvest paid \$79.50 for his win and Conquering Time \$60.10. The third pony, Hughber, only a short head away, paid \$129.10 for third place.

The Governor's Cup was a runaway for United Express.

His Excellency Lt.-General E. F. Norton arrived on the course shortly after the second race.

H. J. Holden, the Shanghai jockey, who sustained a nasty cut on the right knee when he was kicked by a pony just before the start of the second section of the Sydney Maidens yesterday, was taken to the War Memorial Hospital this morning on the advice of his doctor.

Mr. Holden will not take any further part in the Race Week and will probably return to Shanghai on Monday.

In the meantime it is learned that Messrs. C. B. Moller and Francis Noedt will take care of the Li Po-chun stable, for which Mr. Holden specially came down from Shanghai as first string jockey.

This will prove a great disappointment to both Mr. Holden and his supporters for he showed in the two races that he took part in yesterday, that he is indeed a first class jockey.

**1—PERTH PLATE.**—(First Section).—Half a Mile.

Cire's Moonlight, 149 lb.

(F. Noedt) 1

Culture's Bona Vacantia, 152 lb.

(M. M. Sokoloff) 2

S. K.'s Fresh Air, 149 lb.

(Ip Kui-ying) 3

17 Starters. Won by 2 lengths; short head. Time: 24.3; 51.1.

Pari-mutuel: Winner \$21.80; places, 1st \$7.70; 2nd \$30.00; 3rd \$6.20.

#### BETTING FIGURES

Win Place

Fresh Air (Ip, 149) 938 897

Moonlight (Noedt, 149) 439 396

Bendigo (Chao, 152) 189 199

Strathalbyn (Trever-

### HAVE YOU WON?

#### Race 1

No. 1369 \$1547.70

.. 2020 442.20

.. 1551 221.10

Unplaced runners (\$50 each), Nos.: 3342, 3410, 2621, 2217, 2486, 3944, 82, 3109, 2184, 3621, 3930, 3895, 1458, 90.

#### Race 2

No. 2283 \$2032.10

.. 2899 \$580.60

.. 1080 \$290.30

Unplaced runners (\$50 each), Nos.: 3606, 2716, 3463.

#### Race 3

No. 2853 \$2081.50

.. 4181 589.00

.. 343 294.50

Unplaced runners (\$50 each), Nos.: 3560, 522, 1325, 1030, 4302.

#### Race 4

No. 3692 \$2230.90

.. 3706 637.40

.. 774 318.70

Unplaced runners (\$50 each), Nos.: 4483, 1463, 3779.

#### Race 5

No. 1704 \$1,215.00

.. 3261 1,215.00

.. 4723 270.00

Unplaced runners (\$50 each), Nos.: 1434, 104, 2459, 4164, 3187, 5669, 1404, 1162, 3599, 2246, 611, 3807, 4745, 972, 1099, 1751, 3274.

#### BETTING FIGURES

Win Place

ton, 149) 177 212

Newmarket Day (Tao, 150) 114 131

Princess Adelaide (Wei, 152) 109 98

Lodestar (Davis, 149) 108 124

Harmony Star (Craven, 149) 40 49

Bona Vacantia (Sokoloff, 152) 21 43

Battle (Chang, 152) 11 33

A Rosy Time (Moller, 149) 9 17

Arnieber (Gregory, 149) 7 28

Tobaccochip (Botelho, 149) 3 9

Beauford (Sequeira, 147) 2 1

May (Chiu, 147) 1 1

Reindeer (Tang Man-wa, 152) 1 3

Senorita (Coppin, 154) 1 4

#### 2—FOOCHOW CUP.—1 1/4 Miles.

Cire's Navylight, 153 lb.

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(W. H. S. Davis) 2

T. K. L.'s Confusion Bay, 156 lb.

(V. V. Needa) 3

6 starters. Won by a head; 3/4 length. Time 27.2; 55.4; 1.25.4; 1.55.4; 2.25.1.

Pari-mutuel: Winner \$72.40; places, 1st \$6.90; 2nd \$5.30; 3rd \$5.30.

#### BETTING FIGURES

Win Place

Confusion Bay (Needa, 156) 1428 793

Dupont Bay (Yuen, 152) 167 172

Eve of Harvest (Davis, 153) 895 613

Gay Star (Craven, 136) 38 89

Navylight (Moller, 153) 171 106

Racylight (Noedt, 152) 119 80

#### 3—AUSTRAL BLACK ROCK STAKES.—From the Two Mile Post Once Round and In (About One Mile 171 Yards).

Eu Tong Sen's Fleetwing, 152 lb.

(W. G. Poy) 1

Cire's Starlight, 152 lb.

(C. B. Moller) 2

Lan's Mountain View, 152 lb.

(H. C. Pih) 3

8 starters. Won by 3 lengths; a length. Time: 10.4; 39; 1.07.1; 1.35.4; 2.03.

Pari-mutuel: Winner \$11.40; places, 1st \$6.00; 2nd \$7.10; 3rd \$8.00.

#### BETTING FIGURES

Win Place

A Luxurious Time (Noedt, 152) 24 44

Fleetwing (Poy, 152) 1277 1012

Iron Belle (Wei, 152) 37 51

K'ing's Welcome (Black, 149) 379 798

Mountain View (Pih, 152) 480 352

Olin (Yuen, 152) 8 10

Ozark (Needa, 151) 78 61

Starlight (Moller, 152) 144 406

### STOP PRESS

Look out this evening for the Special Racing Edition of the "China Mail" which will appear on the streets at about 6.30 p.m. with a complete record and description of to-day's racing, together with the cash sweeps.

#### 6—HONG KONG DERBY.—One and a Half Miles.

T. K. L.'s Oolong, 152 lb.

(V. V. Needa) 1

Cire's Velvetlight, 152 lb.

(C. B. Moller) 2

Cire's Lovelylight, 152 lb.

(F. Noedt) 3

7 Starters. Won by 1 length; 6 lengths. Time: 29; 57.5; 1.28.1; 1.59.1; 2.29.4; 3.02.

Pari-mutuel: Winner \$10.00; places, 1st \$6.60; 2nd \$9.40; 3rd \$12.20.

#### CASH SWEEP

##### Race 6

No. 5184 \$2643.20

.. 5193 755.20

.. 973 377.60

Unplaced runners (\$50 each), Nos.: 3731, 2328, 4927, 4837.

#### 4—GOVERNOR'S CUP.—One Mile.

Necan's United Express, 152 lb.

(Ip Kiu-ying) 1

Wai Shiu Pak's Tien Tien, 150 lb.

(S. L. Sung) 3

Bridge's Casino, 149 lb.

(Chan Tan-wa) 2

6 Starters. Won by many lengths; 2 lengths. Time: 28.54.4; 1.22.3; 1.52.

Pari-mutuel: Winner \$5.60; places, 1st \$5.40; 2nd \$10.20; 3rd \$10.60.

#### BETTING FIGURES

Win Place

United Express (Ip Kiu-ying, 152) 1653 1002

Zadderday (Black, 152) 252 257

Tien Tien (S. L. Sung, 150) 83 85

Dashing Beauty (Chang, 152) 52 142

Chateaugay (Ho Hong-ping, 152) 24 58

Casino (Chan Tan-wa, 149) 39 79

#### 5—GYMKHANA HANDICAP.—One Mile.

Li Po Chun's Conquering Time, 150 lb.

(C. B. Moller) 1

Eve's Eve of Reason, 135 lb.

(W. H. S. Davis) 1

Marber I's Hughber, 135 lb.

(H. S. Chang) 3

° Dead heat.

20 starters. Won by dead heat; short head. Time: 28.2; 57; 1.27.4; 1.58.3.

Pari-mutuel: Winner \$60.10 (Conquering Time) \$79.50 (Eve of Reason); places, 1st \$30.00 (Conquering Time), \$48.60 (Eve of Reason); 3rd \$129.10.

#### BETTING FIGURES

Win Place

Hillsboro Bay (Needa, 150) 1152 871

Lilliber (Chao, 147) 1030 908

Johnber (Gregory, 150) 467 380

Galaxy (Wei, 142) 378 316

Avon (Black, 144) 262 240

Conquering Time (Moller, 150) 158 208

Humdrum Eye (Pih, 139) 154 177

Eve of Reason (Davis, 135) 117 119

Oonagh (Botelho, 149) 114 79

Rose Emily (Poy, 138) 103 236

Hopeful Star (Craven, 150) 99 154

Jennifer (Tao, 147) 75 55

Hughber (Chang, 135) 42 42

Red Feather (Noedt, 140) 34 78

Rob Roy (Yuen, 135) 20 28

Lancashire Lass (Ip, 135) 13 12

Jobber (Treverton, 135) 11 21

King Kong (Ho Hong-ping, 135) 8 10

Thirty (Ho Hong-ping, 130) 5 13

Expansion Time (Chao, 135) 2 10

#### 8—AUSTRAL DERBY.—One and a Half Miles.

Lan's Distant View, 152 lb.

(H. C. Pih) 1

T. K. L.'s Oracle, 151 lb.

(V. V. Needa) 2

P. and L's First Love, 152 lb.

(S. C. Liang) 3

12 starters. Won by many lengths; 3 lengths. Time: 2.54.1.

Pari-mutuel: Winner \$11.70; places, 1st \$6.00; 2nd \$19.50; 3rd \$9.80.

#### CASH SWEEP

##### Race 8

No. 3936 \$2716.70

.. 5319 \$775.20

.. 1229 388.10

Unplaced runners (\$50 each), Nos.: 4693, 3446, 5568, 712, 5415, 2518, 3206, 1207 and 1625.

The special racing edition of the "China Mail" is a complete record of the day's racing, together with a description of the horses, their owners, trainers, and jockeys, and the results of the races. It is a valuable reference work for all racing enthusiasts.

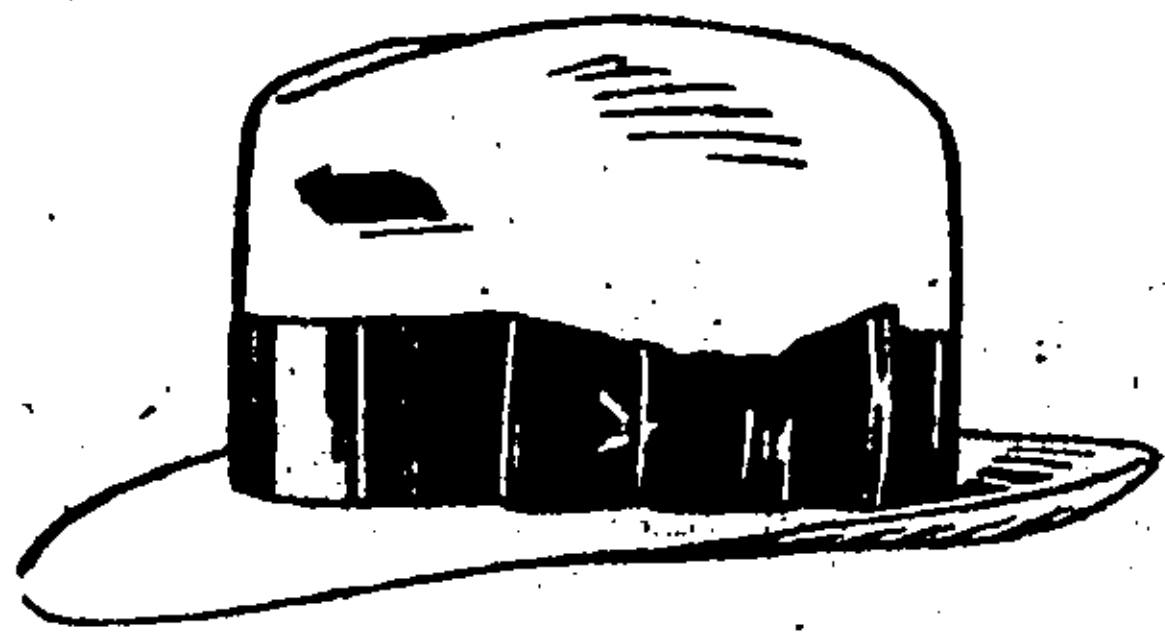


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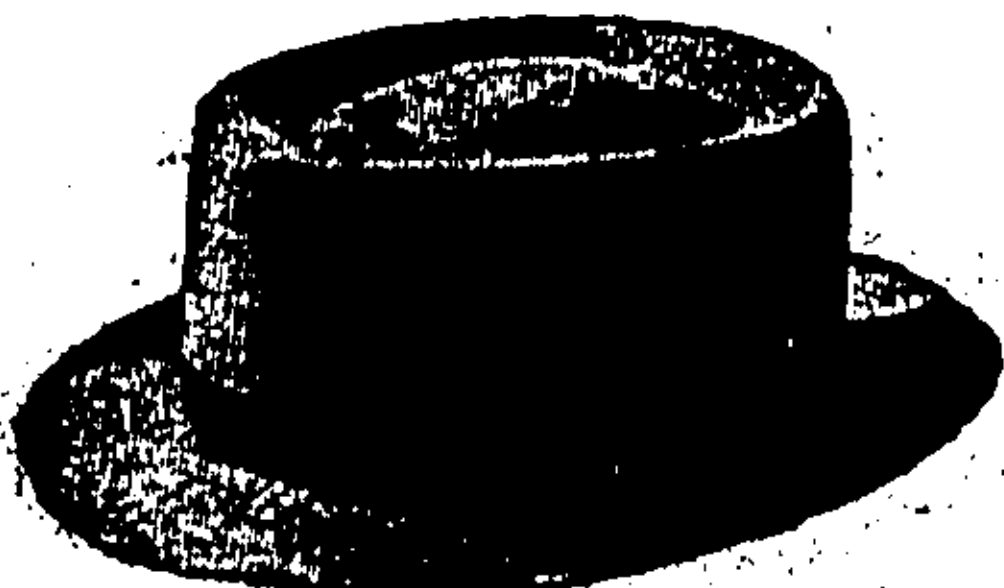


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## OOLONG'S DERBY TRIUMPH Velvetlight Beaten In Straight DISTANT VIEW CARRIES OFF AUSTRAL DERBY Keen Racing In Heavy Downpour

MR. T. K. LI'S OOLONG, RIDDEN BY MR. V. V. NEEDA, WON THE HONG KONG DERBY THIS AFTERNOON UNDER DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS, STEADY RAIN FALLING THROUGHOUT THE RACE AND THE TRACK BEING IN A HEAVY STATE.

## U.S. MAY SEND FLEET TO FAREAST

The possibility of the American battle fleet being sent to the Far East to check Japanese aggression overshadows consideration in Washington of European war questions, according to some newspapers in the American capital.

The "Washington Times-Herald" says flatly: All the evidence available indicates that President Roosevelt intends to order the Fleet to the Far East if Japan attacks Singapore, or attempts to occupy the Dutch East Indies.

The Far Eastern crisis has pushed the threatened invasion of Britain out of its place as the chief news of the day and editorial comment reflects the seriousness of the threatened spread of the war to the Orient.

It is recognised that while the climax seems to have been postponed, the crisis itself exists and persists while the basic clash of interests between Japan and the Western Powers remains.—Reuter.

## Ready To Mediate!

Japan is ready to mediate "in any war" if invited and if the situation is favourable, the Japanese Government spokesman told foreign correspondents in Tokyo this morning.

The spokesman read a prepared statement deploring the "various alarming reports" concerning the situation in the Far East.

He sought to stress Japan's

THE FAVOURITE, which provided Mr. Needa with his fourth Derby triumph, won by a length from Mr. Cire's Velvetlight (Mr. Moller) with Mr. Cire's Lovelylight (Mr. Noodt) third and Mr. Marber I's Charlesber (Mr. Chao) fourth and World Fair View (Mr. Pih) fifth.

Charlesber set the pace, but it faltered badly in the back straight, where Velvetlight took the lead, only to relinquish it to Oolong on the bend into the home straight.

When the ponies were led in Mr. Noodt was not on Lovelylight — he was walking beside it — and it was later revealed that the Cire crack had gone lame.

Fresh Air (Mr. Ip Kui-ying), following its second placing in the first section of the Sydney Maiden yesterday, was made favourite for the first section of the Perth Plate, and it looked every inch a winner just before entering the stretch, only to bore out towards the nullah and be beaten into third place, despite a spirited comeback bid.

Moonlight (Mr. Moller), second favourite, was first away from the barrier and held the rails position throughout to win by two lengths from Bona Vacantia, which was not favourably placed in the early stages and which paid \$30 for a place. Fresh Air, almost under the Judges Box, was third, a short head behind, and Bendigo fourth.

Strathalbyn, fancied in some quarters, drew ninth position and was never in the picture.

Tobaccochip did worse than it did yesterday—it refused to run at all after being held behind the field by a mafo.

### Clever Riding

The Moller stables secured their second success of the day when Navyllight (Mr. Moller), third favourite, won the Poochow Cup by a head from Eve of Harvest in the most exciting finish of the meeting.

Dupont Bay, rails, and Racylight, the other Moller entry, went out in front from the start and, passing the winning post for the first time, were six lengths ahead, followed by Gay Star, Navyllight, Eve of Harvest and Confusion Bay, the hot favourite. In the back straight Confusion Bay began to move up, but at the Rock Eve of Harvest had shot to the front with a great burst, followed closely by Confusion Bay. At the 1½-mile gate Eve of Harvest was half a length ahead, and the race seemed as good as won for Confusion Bay.—(Continued on Back Page)

desire for peace in contrast to the "warlike" preparations by Britain and America to meet supposed contingencies in the Pacific and South Seas.

He added: "We are utterly unable to see the good of prolonging the war."—Reuter.

## THE CASH SWEEPS

Following are the winning numbers in the Cash Sweeps:

Race 1.  
No. 1369 \$1547.70  
" 2920 442.20  
" 1551 221.10

Unplaced runners (\$50 each), Nos.: 3342, 3410, 2621, 2217, 2486, 1044, 82, 3109, 2184, 3621, 3030, 1895, 1458, 90.

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Race 3  
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Unplaced runners (\$50 each) Nos.: 4483, 1463, 3779.

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" 3281 1,215.00  
" 4723 270.00

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Race 6  
No. 5184 \$2643.20  
" 5193 755.20  
" 973 377.60

Race 7  
No. 2791 \$2751.70  
" 331 \$786.20  
" 3026 \$393.10

Unplaced runners (\$50 each), Nos.: 60, 1086, 783, 794, 1469, 3314, 5819 and 1661.

Race 8  
No. 3936 \$2716.70  
" 5319 \$776.20  
" 1229 388.10

Unplaced runners (\$50 each) Nos.: 4693, 3446, 5568, 712, 5415, 2518, 3206, 1207 and 1625.

Race 9  
No. 2771 \$2696.40  
" 3575 770.40  
" 852 385.20

Unplaced runners (\$50 each) Nos.: 3065, 4090, 4924, 3578, 1217, 5708, 389, 3307, 5314, 1843, 4645.

Race 10  
No. 5923 \$2677.15  
" 1886 764.90  
" 4566 382.45

Unplaced runners (\$50 each) Nos.: 2151, 3345, 3118, 3585, 2065, 5884, 5594 and 4943.

Race 11  
No. 2813 \$2632.00  
" 5721 750.00  
" 438 376.00

Unplaced runners (\$50 each) Nos.: 5106, 970, 5994, 2108, 1451, 4526, 470, 3359, 3287 and 1363.

DETAILED RESULTS IN PAGES TWO AND THREE.

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| BETTING FIGURES               |     |       |
|-------------------------------|-----|-------|
|                               | Win | Place |
| Fresh Air (Ip, 149)           | 938 | 897   |
| Moonlight (Noodt, 149)        | 439 | 396   |
| Bendigo (Chao, 152)           | 189 | 199   |
| Strathalbyn (Treverton, 149)  | 177 | 212   |
| Newmarket D a y (Tao, 150)    | 114 | 131   |
| Princess Adelaide (Wei, 152)  | 109 | 98    |
| Lodestar (Davis, 149)         | 108 | 124   |
| Harmony Star (Craven, 149)    | 40  | 49    |
| Bona Vacantia (Sokoloff, 152) | 21  | 43    |
| Battle (Chang, 152)           | 11  | 33    |
| A Rosy Time (Moller, 149)     | 9   | 17    |
| Arnieber (Gregory, 149)       | 7   | 28    |
| Tobaccochip (Botelho, 149)    | 3   | 9     |
| Beauford (Sequeira, 147)      | 2   | 1     |
| May (Chiu, 147)               | 1   | 1     |
| Reindeer (Tang Man-wa, 152)   | 1   | 3     |
| Senorita (Coppin, 154)        | 1   | 4     |

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| BETTING FIGURES            |      |       |
|----------------------------|------|-------|
|                            | Win  | Place |
| Confusion Bay (Needa, 156) | 1428 | 793   |
| Dupont Bay (Yuen, 152)     | 187  | 172   |

## BETTING FIGURES

|                             | Win | Place |
|-----------------------------|-----|-------|
| Eve of Harvest (Davis, 153) | 885 | 613   |
| Gay Star (Craven, 136)      | 38  | 89    |
| Navylight (Moller, 153)     | 171 | 108   |
| Racylight (Noodt, 152)      | 119 | 80    |

**3—AUSTRAL BLACK ROCK STAKES.—From the Two Mile Post Once Round and In (About One Mile 171 Yards).**

|                                                                               | Win | Place |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------|
| Eu Tong Sen's Fleetwing, 152 lb. .... (W. G. Poy)                             | 1   | 1     |
| Cire's Starlight, 152 lb. .... (C. B. Moller)                                 | 2   | 2     |
| Lan's Mountain View, 152 lb. .... (H. C. Pih)                                 | 3   | 3     |
| 8 starters. Won by 3 lengths; a length. Time: 10.4; 39; 1.07.1; 1.35.4; 2.03. |     |       |
| Pari-mutuel: Winner \$11.40; places, 1st \$6.00; 2nd \$7.10; 3rd \$8.00.      |     |       |

## BETTING FIGURES

|                               | Win  | Place |
|-------------------------------|------|-------|
| A Luxurious Time (Noodt, 152) | 24   | 44    |
| Fleetwing (Poy, 152)          | 1277 | 1012  |
| Iron Belle (Wei, 152)         | 37   | 51    |
| King's Welcome (Black, 149)   | 879  | 796   |
| Mountain View (Pih, 152)      | 460  | 352   |
| Odin (Yuen, 152)              | 6    | 10    |
| Ozark (Needa, 151)            | 78   | 61    |
| Starlight (Moller, 152)       | 544  | 495   |

**4—GOVERNOR'S CUP.—One Mile.**

|                                                                           | Win | Place |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------|
| Necan's United Express, 152 lb. .... (Ip Kui-ying)                        | 1   | 1     |
| Wal Shiu Pak's Tien Tien, 150 lb. .... (S. L. Sung)                       | 2   | 2     |
| Bridge's Casino, 149 lb. .... (Chan Tan-wa)                               | 3   | 3     |
| 6 Starters. Won by many lengths; 2 lengths. Time: 28.54.4; 1.22.3; 1.52.  |     |       |
| Pari-mutuel: Winner \$5.60; places, 1st \$5.40; 2nd \$10.20; 3rd \$10.60. |     |       |

## BETTING FIGURES

|                                   | Win  | Place |
|-----------------------------------|------|-------|
| United Express (Ip Kui-ying, 152) | 1653 | 1002  |
| Zadderday (Black, 152)            | 252  | 257   |
| Tien Tien (S. L. Sung, 150)       | 83   | 85    |
| Dashing Beauty (Chang, 152)       | 52   | 142   |
| Chateauguay (Ho Hong-ping, 152)   | 24   | 58    |
| Casino (Chan Tan-wa, 149)         | 39   | 79    |

**5—GYMKHANA HANDICAP.—One Mile.**

|                                                           | Win | Place |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------|
| Li Po Chun's Conquering Time, 150 lb. .... (C. B. Moller) | 1   | 1     |
| Eve's Eve of Reason, 135 lb. .... (W. H. S. Davis)        | 1*  | 1*    |
| Marber I's Hughber, 135 lb. .... (H. S. Chang)            | 3   | 3     |

\* Dead heat.  
20 starters. Won by dead heat; short head. Time: 28.2; 57; 1.27.4; 1.58.3.  
Pari-mutuel: Winner \$60.10 (Conquering Time) \$79.50 (Eve of Reason); places, 1st \$30.00 (Conquering Time) \$48.80 (Eve of Reason); 3rd \$129.10.

## BETTING FIGURES

|                                   | Win  | Place |
|-----------------------------------|------|-------|
| Hillsboro Bay (Needa, 150)        | 1152 | 871   |
| Lilliber (Chao, 147)              | 1030 | 908   |
| Johnber (Gregory, 159)            | 467  | 380   |
| Galaxy (Wei, 142)                 | 378  | 316   |
| Avon (Black, 144)                 | 282  | 240   |
| Conquering Time (Moller, 150)     | 158  | 208   |
| Humdrum Eve (Pih, 139)            | 154  | 177   |
| Eve of Reason (Davis, 135)        | 117  | 119   |
| Oonagh (Botelho, 149)             | 114  | 79    |
| Rose Emily (Poy, 138)             | 103  | 235   |
| Hopeful Star (Craven, 150)        | 99   | 154   |
| Jennifer (Tao, 147)               | 75   | 55    |
| Hughber (Chang, 135)              | 42   | 42    |
| Red Feather (Noodt, 140)          | 34   | 78    |
| Rob Roy (Yuen, 135)               | 20   | 26    |
| Lancashire Lass (Ip, 135)         | 13   | 12    |
| Jobber (Treverton, 135)           | 11   | 21    |
| King Kong (Hoo Pak-ming, 135)     | 8    | 10    |
| Thirty Six (Ho Hong-ping, 130)    | 5    | 13    |
| Expansion Time (Chui Ki-fan, 132) | 2    | 10    |

**6—HONG KONG DERBY.—One and a Half Miles.**

|                                                                                       | Win | Place |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------|
| T. K. L.'s Oolong, 152 lb. .... (V. V. Needa)                                         | 1   | 1     |
| Cire's Velvetlight, 152 lb. .... (C. B. Moller)                                       | 2   | 2     |
| Cire's Lovelylight, 152 lb. .... (F. Noodt)                                           | 3   | 3     |
| 7 Starters. Won by 1 length; 6 lengths. Time: 29; 57.5; 1.28.1; 1.50.1; 2.29.4; 3.02. |     |       |
| Pari-mutuel: Winner \$10.00; places, 1st \$6.00; 2nd \$9.40; 3rd \$12.20.             |     |       |

## BETTING FIGURES

|                              | Win  | Place |
|------------------------------|------|-------|
| Oolong (Needa, 152)          | 2036 | 1324  |
| Charlesber (Chao, 152)       | 1194 | 1084  |
| World Fair View (Pih, 152)   | 409  | 377   |
| Velvetlight (Moller, 152)    | 462  | 482   |
| Lovelylight (Noodt, 152)     | 268  | 295   |
| Eve of Grandeur (Davis, 152) | 131  | 138   |
| Eve of Deception (Tao, 150)  | 95   | 132   |

**7—GARRISON CUP.—From the Two Mile Post Once Round and In (About One Mile 171 Yards).**

|                                                                                   | Win | Place |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------|
| Hollandia's Dutch Treat, 152 lb. .... (P. P. Botelho)                             | 1   | 1     |
| C. H.'s Black Seal, 152 lb. .... (L. B. Chao)                                     | 2   | 2     |
| C. H. Chan's Bugle, 149 lb. .... (P. Y. T. Wei)                                   | 3   | 3     |
| 11 Starters. Won by Short Head; 1/2 length. Time: 11.1; 39.2; 1.08; 1.39; 2.06.4. |     |       |
| Pari-mutuel: Winner \$78.50; places, 1st \$6.90; 2nd \$5.90; 3rd \$6.80.          |     |       |

## BETTING FIGURES

|                               | Win  | Place |
|-------------------------------|------|-------|
| Black Seal (Chao, 152)        | 2124 | 1802  |
| Bugle (Wei, 149)              | 831  | 879   |
| Daylight (Moller, 152)        | 328  | 409   |
| Dutch Treat (Botelho, 152)    | 237  | 400   |
| Lex Fori (Sokoloff, 152)      | 248  | 376   |
| Anzac Day (Hearne, 149)       | 184  | 239   |
| Corriedoo (Black, 152)        | 126  | 192   |
| National Endurance (Tao, 152) | 94   | 151   |
| Joan (Sung, 152)              | 23   | 54    |
| Sunspot (Hoo Pak-ming, 147)   | 14   | 27    |
| Swallow (Yuen, 152)           | 9    | 33    |

**8—AUSTRAL DERBY.—One and a Half Miles.**

|                                                                           | Win | Place |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------|
| Lan's Distant View, 152 lb. .... (H. C. Pih)                              | 1   | 1     |
| T. K. L.'s Oracle, 151 lb. .... (V. V. Needa)                             | 2   | 2     |
| P. and L.'s First Love, 152 lb. .... (S. C. Liang)                        | 3   | 3     |
| 12 starters. Won by many lengths; 3 lengths. Time: 2.54.1.                |     |       |
| Pari-mutuel: Winner \$11.70; places, 1st \$6.90; 2nd \$19.50; 3rd \$9.80. |     |       |

## BETTING FIGURES

|                              | Win  | Place |
|------------------------------|------|-------|
| Distant View (Pih, 152)      | 2163 | 1587  |
| First Love (Liang, 152)      | 960  | 628   |
| Nomine Po en a e (Chao, 152) | 899  | 859   |
| A Happy Time (Noodt, 152)    | 432  | 380   |
| Marsh Warbler (Moller, 152)  | 250  | 266   |
| Oracle (Needa, 151)          | 244  | 207   |
| Vis Major (Sokoloff, 152)    | 224  | 263   |
| Prairie View (Wei, 152)      | 190  | 204   |
| National Courage (Tao, 152)  | 164  | 122   |
| Gloaming (Poy, 152)          | 103  | 126   |
| Coloomb (Black, 152)         | 85   | 95    |
| Gay Fox (Davis, 152)         | 34   | 47    |

**9—PERTH PLATE.—(Second Section).—Half a Mile.**

|                                                                          | Win | Place |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------|
| P. M. Hoo's Bendemeer, 152 lb. .... (V. V. Needa)                        | 1   | 1     |
| G. A. Harriman's Royal Sovereign, 152 lb. .... (F. Noodt)                | 2   | 2     |
| C. N. K.'s Newborn Star, 152 lb. .... (D. H. S. Craven)                  | 3   | 3     |
| 14 Starters. Won by 2 lengths; 4 lengths. Time: 25.1; 54.1.              |     |       |
| Pari-mutuel: Winner \$11.50; places, 1st \$5.50; 2nd \$5.80; 3rd \$5.60. |     |       |

## BETTING FIGURES

|                              | Win  | Place |
|------------------------------|------|-------|
| Bendemeer (Needa, 152)       | 1756 | 1419  |
| Royal Sovereign (Noodt, 152) | 1111 | 816   |
| Newborn Star (Craven, 152)   | 917  | 966   |
| Buckfastleigh (Davis, 152)   | 308  | 233   |

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# THE STORY OF THE H.K. DERBY

## ROOTY-HILL DERBY PROSPECTS

"THERE ARE THREE GOOD PONIES FOR THE ROOTY-HILL DERBY," TO BE RUN TOMORROW, SAID MR. ERIC MOLLER IN AN INTERVIEW THIS MORNING. "AND I THINK THE RESULT WILL REST BETWEEN A HAPPY TIME, DISTANT VIEW AND FLEETWING."

Mr. Moller said that although he did not get down from Shanghai as early as he had intended for Race Week, he felt that from what he saw of the new Australian ponies they were a better class of pony than any of the previous lots imported into the Colony.

Speaking of the smallness of the local track, Mr. Moller said that it was because of this, and the consequent sharpness in the bends, that so many ponies were apt to bore out, and in this connection he remarked that jockeys should "pull in" a little when coming into the home stretch.

At this point Mr. Moller cited the fine way Mr. Holden handled A Happy Time in the Austral Valley Stakes as an example, and added that the correct pressure applied at this vital stage of any race must make all the difference in the world to the ultimate result.

### The Champions

Speaking of the Champions, Mr. Moller said that there were all the old ponies to contend with, such as Burford, O-Lan and Confusion Bay, but ventured the opinion that if his Velvetlight should win the Derby "it will make the Champions."

Sixty-six years of age, Mr. Moller still maintains the keenest interest in an active way. He takes part in the morning training gallops in Shanghai and plays a great deal of tennis and golf.

"I miss the old faces at the Race Course here," he said, "people like Sir Paul Chater, George Potts and Sir Ellis Kadoorie. I am the only 'old fellow' left, but I still feel young, and that is a great thing."

## First Race Goes Back To 1873

# Grand Duke Alexis Witnesses Colony's Latest Innovation

By PAUL GREGORY

NO RACING EVENT IN THE FAR EAST IS MORE POPULAR THAN THE HONG KONG DERBY, TO BE RUN TO-DAY AT 3 P.M., AND LIKE ITS GREAT ENGLISH FORERUNNER (INSTITUTED BY THE EARL OF DERBY IN 1780), THIS CLASSIC IS REGARDED AS THE MOST GLORIOUS EPISODE OF THE YEAR'S RACING.

As might be expected, the resemblance between the two races is most marked, but whereas the English Derby is held in late May or early June, Hong Kong's event is always run in February. Both, however, are contested for on the second day of annual meetings, and Derby Day, no matter whether it is observed at home or in Hong Kong is one of the days of the year.

As Hong Kong in its legislation follows that of the Home Government, it was inevitable that supporters of Hong Kong Jockey Club should decide that a Derby Day, with all the thrills of the Home turf, must be included among the fixtures at the Annual Race Meeting. They thought longingly of Epsom Downs, pulsating with its heterogeneous crowds, and, as comparatively few local residents could ever hope to attend the English Derby in person, there was born a desire to introduce it to the Colony.

I do not know who was the leading spirit of the movement, but it is probable that the then Governor, H. E. Sir Arthur E. Kennedy, who himself was an ardent race-goer, did much to see that such a renowned turf event should be among the crowning attractions of the race meeting of February, 1873.

Naturally the introduction of the Derby was a source of the greatest satisfaction to the mem-

bers of the Jockey Club, who rightly anticipated that the race in future years would be an excellent drawing card, bringing spectators from ports as far distant as Shanghai, Yokohama, and Manila.

### No Regrets

The promoters of the Colony's first Derby had no reasons for regretting their ardour. The event was a greater success than they had ever expected. Hong Kong residents had apparently circled the date (Thursday, February 20, 1873) with red ink on their calendars, and, although the Derby was scheduled as the third race of the day, the road to Happy Valley was early the scene of bustling activity, commencing a little after sunrise.

Cosmopolitan crowds on foot, on horse-back, or in carriages were in motion, proceeding towards the race-course as if it were the Promised Land.

Long before noon, the Happy Valley area was packed with thousands of eager spectators, thrilled with anticipation of the great event of which they had all heard, but few had as yet witnessed. Perched on the hill-sides overlooking the Valley were vast numbers of Chinese. Their black-senshaw garments, and huge umbrellas made them look from a distance like elves seated amid a forest of gigantic toadstools.

### Dense Mass

The inner ring of the race-course was packed with a denser mass of humanity than usual, which at times surged on to the track itself, requiring all the vigilance of the police of the day to keep it clear, and restrain the excited crowd from being mauled beneath the pounding hooves of racing ponies. But, fortunately, as

## OOLONG TIPPED BY MR. MOLLER

Mr. Eric Moller, owner of Lovelylight and Velvetlight, both placed in the Blue Riband of the local Turf this afternoon, predicted his own defeat in an interview this morning.

"Oolong," said Mr. Moller, "should win. It is a black pony and it is a notorious fact that black ponies like a wet track."

## DIFFERENCE OF 12 LB.

Liberty Bay's record for 1 1/4 miles, established in the Challenge Cup event in 1933, was broken yesterday in the same race and on a fairly heavy track by O-Lan, by no less than 8 3/5 secs.

There is, however, a slightly different story to tell regarding conditions for these two weight for inches races. In 1933 the 14.1 Liberty Bay had to carry 161 lb. as against the 14.0 O-Lan's 149 lb. yesterday.

day of the closing entries, with \$100 added for first Pony, and \$50 for second. For all China Ponies, bona fide Griffins at date of Entry. Weight, 10 stone, 7 lbs.; First Pony, 70 per cent.; Second, 20 per cent.; Third, 10 per cent. Distance 1 1/4 miles.

Twenty ponies were entered.

They were: Spotted Dog, Char- ters, Surprise, Blue Light, Fournart, Monyandi, Chui-Pat-To, Mystery, Banker, Broker, Cablegram, The Shroff, Royalist, Schlamm, Acrobat, Rocco, The Admiral, Blarney, Muscarino, Cakes and Ale.

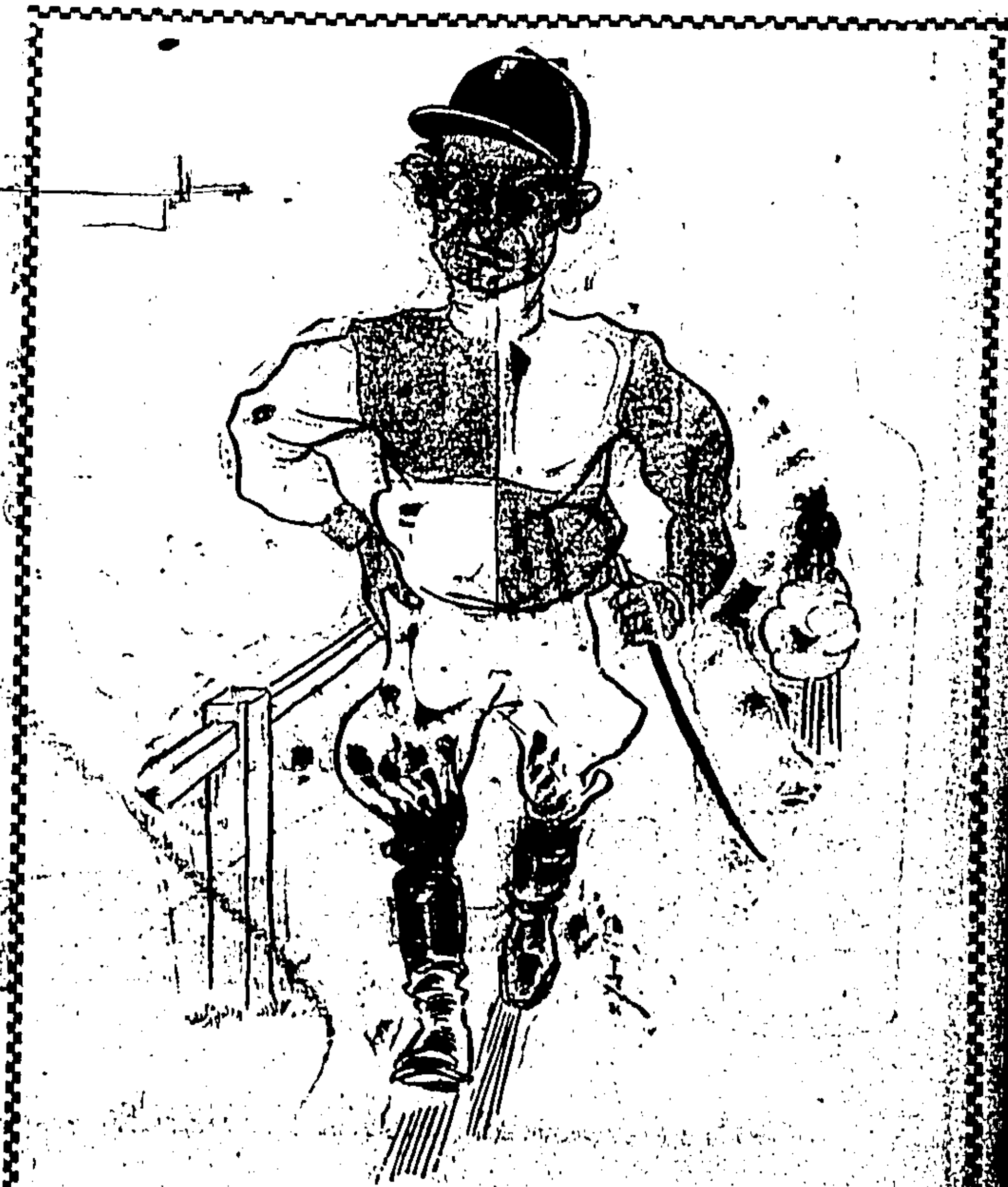
### Press Description

Eleven started, but they included some of the fleetest China ponies of the day, and the race was succinctly described by the Press in the following terms:

A capital start was effected, the whole field getting well away together. Little change took place during the first round, though Cakes and Ale looked at one time dangerous. On reaching the Black Rock on the second round, Surprise began to show to the front, closely pressed by Royalist and Spotted Dog. The latter changed places just before coming to the straight, and Monyandi drew out of the ruck in a very game manner. From this point Surprise led, with Spotted Dog, Royalist, and Monyandi in the order named. The winner was loudly cheered, and hearty congratulations were showered upon his owner.

The results were: 1, Surprise; 2, Spotted Dog; 3, Royalist; 4, Monyandi. Such was the Colony's original Derby Day back in the 'seventies. Nowadays the event is deservedly more popular than ever, and the competition for the honour of winning the Blue Riband is even keener to-day than it was on that day in 1873 on which the first local Derby was run.

"The Hong Kong Derby. — Sweepstakes of \$20 each, half forfeit if declared on or before the



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## TO-DAY'S RESULTS

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### BETTING FIGURES

|                                    | Win | Place |
|------------------------------------|-----|-------|
| Trade Wind (Tao, 151)              | 131 | 123   |
| Starlight View (Pih, 149)          | 96  | 116   |
| Leading Star (Tre-<br>verton, 152) | 68  | 89    |
| Baggage Master<br>(Chang, 152)     | 64  | 77    |
| Gold Rod (Liang, 152)              | 32  | 49    |
| High Hat (Poy, 149)                | 31  | 52    |
| Vigor (Sung, 152)                  | 20  | 25    |
| Boneshaker (Chiu Ki<br>Fan, 147)   | 18  | 23    |
| Macy (Hoo, 144)                    | 16  | 24    |
| Angel of Peace<br>(Chiu, 144)      | 10  | 14    |

10—LUSITANO CUP.—One and a Quarter Miles.

C. C. F.'s Santa-Anita, 153 lb. (S. C. Liang) 1

Dynasty's King's Flight, 152 lb. (V. V. Needa) 2

L. W. S.'s Corsair, 150 lb. (P. P. Botelho) 3

11 starters. Won by 3 lengths; 2 lengths. Time: 2:30.2. Pari-mutuel: Winner \$19.40; places, 1st \$7.40; 2nd \$11.00; 3rd \$9.80.

### BETTING FIGURES

|                             | Win | Place |
|-----------------------------|-----|-------|
| Santa-Anita (Liang, 153)    | 959 | 994   |
| Sydney Diamond (Chang, 152) | 923 | 680   |
| Sydney Lady (Hearne, 152)   | 756 | 484   |
| Corsair (Botelho, 150)      | 541 | 480   |
| Seal River (Black, 149)     | 422 | 475   |
| King's Flight (Needa, 153)  | 407 | 399   |

### BETTING FIGURES

|                                 | Win | Place |
|---------------------------------|-----|-------|
| National Blessings (Tao, 152)   | 89  | 86    |
| The Hawk (Davis, 152)           | 74  | 90    |
| Ophir (Sung, 154)               | 25  | 67    |
| Sports Lady (Wood, 149)         | 16  | 24    |
| Seventy-Six (Ho Hong Ping, 152) | 14  | 17    |

11—AMOY HANDICAP.—Six Furlongs.

Eve's Eye of Peace, 155 lb. (R. M. Wood) 1

Kong Bros.'s Lovely Star, 159 lb. (K. W. Fung) 2

W. T. Stanton's Royal Wedding Eve, 166 lb. (L. J. A. Fielden) 3

13 starters. Won by 6 lengths; many lengths.

Pari-mutuel, winner \$11.80; places, 1st \$8.50; 2nd \$11.40; 3rd \$8.90.

### BETTING FIGURES

|                                      | Win  | Place |
|--------------------------------------|------|-------|
| Eve of Peace (Wood, 155)             | 1555 | 1134  |
| Royal Wedding Eve (Fielden, 166)     | 717  | 434   |
| Portrush (Lee, 145)                  | 337  | 286   |
| Eve of Hunting (Hayms, 159)          | 315  | 224   |
| Lovely Star (Fung, 159)              | 291  | 261   |
| Valorous (Hoo Pak Ming, 145)         | 287  | 236   |
| Sylvandale (Cooper, 158)             | 226  | 211   |
| Sunlight View (Chiu Ki Fan, 152)     | 180  | 138   |
| Bressay (Chattey, 152)               | 84   | 87    |
| Jack O'Lantern (Barrow, 148)         | 77   | 83    |
| Solitaire Master (Ho Hong Ping, 143) | 71   | 41    |
| Wilber (Chiu, 146)                   | 42   | 49    |
| The Tigress (Chan, 135)              | 34   | 34    |



# Complete Derby Winners

Following is a complete list of winners of The Hong Kong Derby since the race was inaugurated in 1873:—

- 1873—Mr. Lowcock's Surprise (Allan).
- 1874—Mr. Campoo's Alone (Dunn) in 3.25.3.
- 1875—Mr. Sidney's Cherokee (Ainslie) in 3.29.1.
- 1876—Mr. St. Andrew's White Friar (Nickels) in 3.21.
- 1877—Mr. Skelton's Cock Robin (Nacrant) in 3.25.4.
- 1878—Mr. Paul's White Velvet (Lewis) in 3.41.
- 1879—Mr. Kerfoot's Girths (Hutchings) in 3.20.
- 1880—Mr. W. H. Forbes' Filon d'Or (Ogle) in 3.34.
- 1881—Mr. Kerfoot's Wild Race (Hutchings) in 3.21.
- 1882—Mr. St. Andrew's Huntsman (Ogle) in 3.21.
- 1883—Mr. St. Vincent's Ambassador (Bidwell) in 3.18.
- 1884—Mr. Paul's Rappahannock (Pond) in 3.35.
- 1885—Mr. Buxey's Fun (Pond) in 3.47.
- 1886—Mr. Buxey's Marauder (Pond) in 3.21.
- 1887—Mr. Sassoon's Harvester (Hutchings) in 3.21.
- 1888—Mr. John Peel's Leap Year (Reynell) in 3.29.
- 1889—Mr. Buxey's Pao Shing (Pond) in 3.15.
- 1890—Mr. Sid's Entertainer (Maclean) in 3.17.1.
- 1891—Mr. John Peel's Ardent (Master) in 3.12.1.
- 1892—Mr. Sassoon's Lightning (Maclean) in 3.13.1.
- 1893—Mr. Heinrich's Black Pearl (Sassoon) in 3.18.
- 1894—Mr. Taylor's Dare Devil (Taylor) in 3.16.1.
- 1895—Mr. Buxey's Black Velvet (Burkill) in 3.18.
- 1896—Mr. Newman's Standard (Burkill) in 3.22.
- 1897—Mr. John Peel's Red Fish (Master) in 3.19.
- 1898—Mr. Hopeful's Yenisei (W. Cox) in 3.14.3.
- 1899—Mr. Buxey's Wild Rose (Wuilenmuir) in 3.29.1.
- 1900—Mr. J. H. Lewis' Bulbul (Johnson) in 3.35.
- 1901—Sir Horace McMahon's Kismet (Johnson) in 2.55.3.
- 1902—Maj. Gen. Sir W. Gascoigne's Ivy (Gresson) in 2.53.1.
- 1903—Lt. Col. Hughes' Brilliant (W. Cox) in 2.58.
- 1904—Mr. Buxey's Coronet Rose (W. Cox) in 3.16.1.
- 1905—Mr. John Peel's Cotswold (Gresson) in 3.27.2.
- 1906—Mr. Buxey's Triumph Rose (Hayes) in 3.26.2.
- 1907—Mr. Buxey's Spring Rose (Master) in 3.15.4.
- 1908—Mr. John Peel's Kirkwood (Johnstone) in 3.20.
- 1909—Mr. Buxey's Little Gem Rose (Burkill) in 3.10.3.
- 1910—Mr. Buxey's Royal Rose (Burkill) in 3.11.1.

## MR. NEEDA'S THREE SUCCESSES

It is interesting to note that Messrs. V. V. Needa (3), B. A. Proulx and W. H. S. Davis are the only jockeys taking part in this year's Annual Meeting who have won the much-coveted honour of riding the winner of the Hong Kong Derby.

- 1911—Mr. Buxey's Coronation Rose (Burkill) in 3.09.
- 1912—Sir Paul's White Hawthorn (Burkill) in 3.24.1.
- 1913—Mr. Ellis Kadorie's Fijian Chief (Johnstone) in 3.23.2.
- 1914—Sir Paul's Jewel Aster (Brand) in 3.13.1.
- 1915—Sir Paul's Perfection Dahlia (Vida) in 3.13.2.
- 1916—Sir Paul's Winsome Dahlia (Burkill) in 3.10.
- 1917—Mr. John Peel's Silver Streak (Johnstone) in 3.14.4.
- 1918—Sir Ellis Kadorie's Tytam Chief (Knoll) in 3.12.4.
- 1919—Mr. G. H. Potts' Mountain King (Hill) in 3.17.
- 1920—Mr. G. H. Potts' Allied King (Hill) in 3.13.
- 1921—Mr. G. H. Potts' Invincible King (Hill) in 3.08.3.
- 1922—Mr. H. Birkett's Sun Star (Doyle) in 3.20.2.
- 1923—Sir Paul's Ideal Dahlia (Soares) in 3.13.2.
- 1924—Morris & Marshall's Courtfield (Hill) in 3.33.2.
- 1925—Mr. John Peel's Local Option (Maitland) in 3.08.3.
- 1926—Sir Paul's Glorious Dahlia (McBain) in 3.12.
- 1927—Mr. L. Dunbar's Elliot Bay (Dallas) in 3.15.1.
- 1928—Mrs. Dunbar's Sitting Bull (Maitland) in 3.11.
- 1929—Mr. Ho Kom Tong's President Hall (Encarnacao) in 3.11.1.
- 1930—Mr. L. Dunbar's Diana Bay (Hill) in 2.07.
- 1931—Mr. Dynasty's King's Service (Chang) in 3.09.4.
- 1932—Mr. L. Dunbar's Liberty Bay (Hill) in 3.04.4.
- 1933—Mrs. T. E. Pearce's Trentbridge (Needa) in 3.06.3.
- 1934—Plane's Hydroplane (Proulx) in 3.16.2.
- 1935—Hem's Herod (Davis) in 3.09.3.
- 1936—Mr. Eve's Honeymoon Eve (Needa) in 3.14.3.
- 1937—Mr. Eve's Happy Eve (Needa) in 3.00.4.
- 1938—Mr. Cire's Silkylight (Moller) in 3.01.3.
- 1939—Mr. Eu Tong-sen's Rose Elect (Encarnacao) in 2.55.2 (Record).
- 1940—Mr. Cire's Satinlight (Moller) in 2.50.4.

# CUPS AND THEIR DONORS

## Looking Back To Year 1847

## Testimonials Of A Romantic Yesterday

By Paul Gregory

THE INTEREST THAT ALL COMMUNITIES IN HONG KONG, IRRESPECTIVE OF NATIONALITY, HAVE TAKEN IN THE "SPORT OF KINGS" IS VIVIDLY REVEALED BY THE NUMBER OF SILVER TROPHIES THAT HAVE BEEN PRESENTED BY GENEROUS DONORS THROUGHOUT THE YEARS.

Some have been mementos of their donor's sojourn in this Gibraltar of the Far East; others have been the presentations of groups of racing enthusiasts. But one and all are mute testimonials of a romantic yesterday, recalling scenes which though vanished forever still live in the imagination of the present.

What stirring events of the race-course are conjured up by the very names graven on these trophies of the local turf. Some recall the era of "Thirteen Factory Street" in old Canton, when English merchants looked forward longingly to their infrequent excursions to the Colony, counting the days with a petulant eagerness that is all the more understandable when one realises the circumstances of their exile.

Caged month after month on the bank of the Pearl River, between the high walls of crowded "factories," in reality store-houses; segregated from the rest of the city—a city of tiny, low, up-turned roofed houses, ancient temples, and palatial yamens; guarded by Manchu braves to prevent their setting foot in those narrow, winding streets—the very thought of mingling once more on terms of equality and comradeship with their fellow Britons under a free open sky, beneath the fluttering folds of their own beloved Union Jack, made their hearts beat faster as they boarded swift lorches and came sweeping down on the tides to land on the foreshore of Victoria tired and dirty, yet happy to join the swarming crowds that trudged along the dusty earthen roads to Happy Valley.

Some among them, were themselves riders and had come down with their own harness and saddles to participate in the racing. The gratitude for this release from a lonely exile was symbolised in the Canton Cup.

### Foochow Cup

A similar cup was presented in 1863 by the merchants of Foochow; fellow exiles in the famous coast port, where tea-chests piled high in the godowns, and pig-tailed coolies sweated in the sun as they bore the lead-lined chests up the stately sides of three-masted tea-clippers bound for New York and London. It was rarely that these men were able to visit the Colony; but when they did they contrived their visit so that it should cover at least one race-meeting.

To go into the history of every trophy which has been donated for these racing events would require in itself a special supplement. Suffice it to say that the generous spirit which moved the donors to present them is alive today, attesting that racing in Hong Kong is a sport which will always remain the beau ideal of local residents.

### From 1847

The following is a list of the principal cups and their donors from 1847 to the present day. Some of them, as will be noticed, have been given by famous regiments, business firms, and officials of the past, the names of which are well known even at the present time.

The Plenipotentiary's Cup (now known as the Governor's Cup), first presented in 1847.

The Canton Cup, presented by the Foreign Community of "Thirteen Factory Street" in 1847.

The Colonial Cup, presented by a Subscriber for all Horses in 1850.

The Powshun Cup, presented by Mr. Wilkinson Dent in 1852.

The Hastings Cup, presented by Rear-Admiral Austen and the Officers of H. M. S. Hastings in 1853.

The Civil Service Cup, presented by Members of H.M.'s Civil Service in China in 1853.

The Saltoun Cup, presented by Mr. A. Fletcher in 1855.

The 59th Regiment Cup, presented by the Officers of the Regiment on its departure from the Colony in 1856.

The Home Cup, a "splendid gold claret vase," presented by Mr. John Dent in 1856.

### An American Cup

The Fakei Cup, presented by the American Community of Hong Kong and Canton in 1856.

The Farewell Flagon, presented by the Hon. W. T. Mercer in 1857.

The Border Cup, presented by Sir Robert Jardine in 1858.

The Admiral's Cup, presented by Sir Michael Seymour in 1859.

The Shanghai Cup, presented by the European Community of Shanghai in 1859.

The Royals' Cup, presented by the Officers, 2nd. Battn. Royal Regiment in 1861.

The Garrison Cup, originally presented by the Officers of the

## RELY ON PUBLIC

It was the custom in the early days of racing in the Colony to open a Subscription Fund in order to cover the expenses of Race Meetings and provide prize money for the contestants. Advertisements in the Press inviting subscribers were a familiar feature of race-meeting publicity during the period.

Garrison for all Horses in 1862. Now offered for Australian Subscription Griffins.

The German Cup, presented by the Club Germania in 1862.

The Foochow Cup, originally presented by the Foochow Community in 1863. Now offered for China Ponies.

The Portuguese Cup, presented by Members of the Portuguese Community in 1869.

The Ashley Cup, presented by Mr. F. D. Sasson in 1870.

### More Modern Cups

Others cup of the past were: The Parsee Cup, presented by the Parsee Community, for China Ponies.

The Driving Cloud Cup, presented by Messrs. Paterson and Bell Irving, for China, Manila, and Japan Ponies.

The Brokers' Cup, presented by the Exchange Brokers of Hong Kong.

The Maharajah Cup, presented by H. H. The Maharajah of Johore, for China, Manila, and Japan ponies.

More recent cups include:

The Governor's Cup this year for Australian subs.

The Melbourne Cup for Australian Ponies of any season.

The Lusitano Cup this year for Australian subs.

The Chater Cup (originally presented by Sir Paul Chater) this year for Australian griffins.

The Challenge Cup for China Ponies.

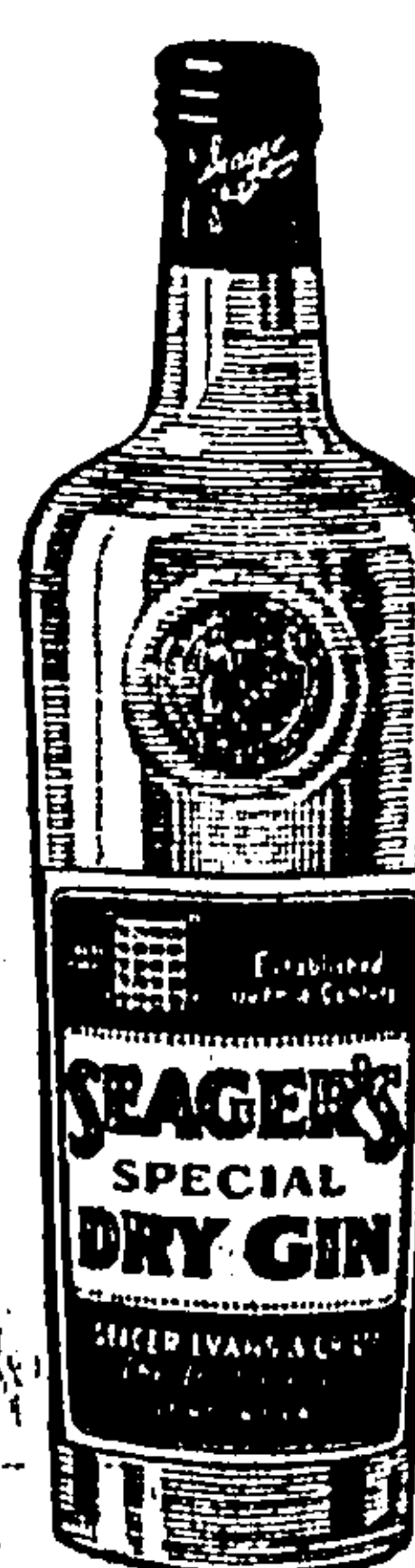
The Royal Navy Cup this year for Australian subs.

The American Club Cup.

The Sports Club Cup this year for Australian subs.

The Jockey Cup this year for "C" Class China ponies.

The Professional Cup this year for Australian subs.



**SEAGER'S GIN**

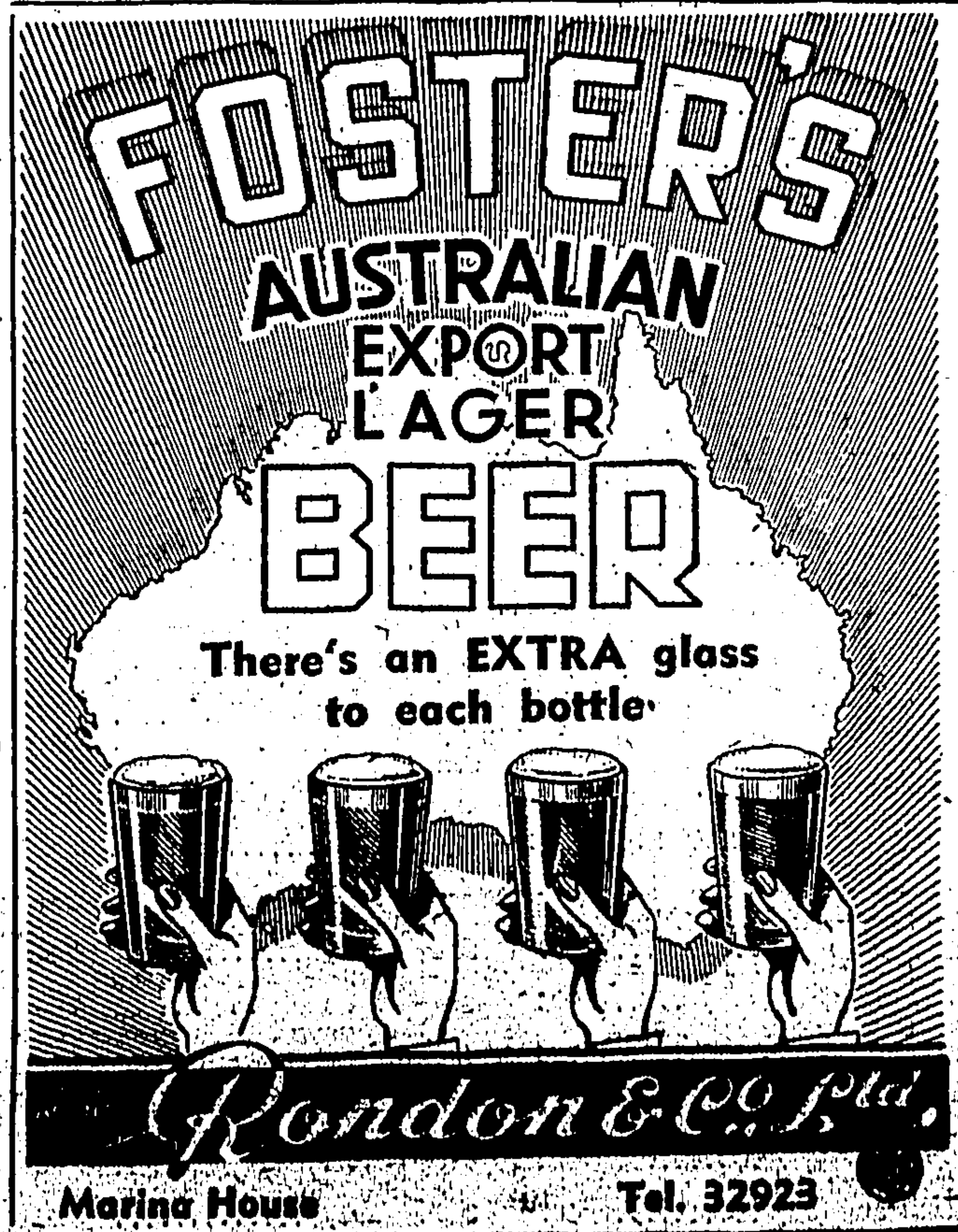
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## RUSSIA—NEUTRAL BROKER?

The spectacle of continuing Russian-Nazi co-operation tends to produce concern wherever totalitarianism is feared or opposed. It tends also to screen the political friction which exists between those two States and which is exacerbated by Nazi pressure on Slav peoples in the Balkans. Negotiations over trade, such as those held recently, can be entered into at any time without raising political issues, yet they serve as an opportunity for each party to sound out the political attitudes of the other.

Had there been nothing of a commercial nature to discuss, the talks still might have taken place. But there evidently was something of a commercial nature that required examination.

Germany now needs more than it expected to need when the last commercial agreement was reached with the Soviets. Harvests in the Danubian area, Europe's principal granary, have been reduced by untoward weather and by diversion of man and mule power from the soil to wartime activities. The British blockade has exerted cumulative pressure on German economy, depriving it of key materials with which to make use even of many materials which Germany possesses.

One way in which Russia might enlarge its trade with Germany is suggested in reports of negotiations between the Soviet Union and the Argentine Government. The Argentine Minister of Agriculture is quoted as saying Argentina is ready to sell to anybody who wants to buy. Thus "neutral" Russia may attempt to play the part of a big neutral broker between the "new order" and the New World.

This possibility is already being dealt with, apparently, by British efforts to divert Argentine foodstuffs to Spain. It is not improbable that the United States can also play an effective part in reducing supplies that might reach Germany through Russia.

# The Atlantic Theatre

IN the Atlantic theatre of war the Germans for the moment retain the initiative and are on the offensive; the British are still compelled to a defensive attitude for the most part.

Remembering the principle that there are only two ways to attack either a fortress or a country—assault or blockade—it is now clear that the Germans have, for the time being at least, given up the idea of assault and are concentrating on blockade to reduce British resistance. Assault involves actual penetration of the island of Great Britain, and the seizing and the holding of so many of its vital centres and interior communications as to compel its surrender.

Great Britain being an island and the British Navy being in command of the sea to an extent which the Germans cannot hope to overcome, it would always be necessary for the Germans to counterbalance this British sea command by sufficient air superiority of their own to permit the passage of German troops across the narrow waters of the Channel and their disembarkation on British shores. The German experiences in the Skagerrak with operations of this sort apparently gave them an exaggerated opinion of air power's potentialities in such operations; they did not sufficiently allow for the respective distances from bases which was in their favour in the Skagerrak, but is in Britain's favour now. Distance is indeed the most important single factor in assessing the ability of air power to perform a given task.

It must, therefore, be assumed that in default of a future gaining of air superiority by the Germans—which does not appear likely—any German invasion

attempt would be an indication of a degree of desperation in German inner councils rather beyond such surface indications as are now available.

As present, at any rate, the Germans are concentrating on blockade—or, we may say, counter-blockade—of the island of Great Britain. For this they have obtained admirable positions, far better than those they had in the last war, while Britain's position is far worse, since she lacks any point of support on the French coast or in Eire. The Germans have access to the open Atlantic

By MAJOR FIELDING ELLIOTT

both north of the British Isles (in Norway) and the south of them (in France).

They hold, indeed, the whole coast of Europe from North Cape to the Spanish frontier. Their access to the Atlantic from Norway is somewhat impeded by the British occupation of Iceland and the Faroes, but long nights and bad weather undoubtedly enable raiders and blockade runners to slip through. If this were all, however, the danger would not be so great. The real danger lies to the south, where French bases on the Channel and the Bay of Biscay are now nests for German submarines, closely supported by aircraft.

It is in this combination of submarine and aeroplane, in which the plane finds for the submarine prey and helps in attacking it, that the real danger lies. While shipping losses have not yet risen to the levels of the black months of 1917, they are sufficiently disquieting; and it is clear that no satisfactory answer to this combination has yet been evolved.

Certainly, whatever new devices, Britain is, at the moment, sadly short of both surface escort vessels and of long-range seaplanes and flying-boats; and she will need also additional merchant tonnage to make up for the losses. I should, however, venture the guess that the Admiralty would value above every other gain which they might be offered the right to use the bases of Eire in carrying out counter-measures.

The reason for this statement will be clear from a glance at a map. While the Germans hold the French coastline, the Channel is

not much use for ocean convoys; and the Channel ports will be under constant air attack. It will also be difficult to use the western approaches, so that for all practical purposes the supplies of Britain must be carried on by ships coming by way of the northern approaches, reaching from the north of Ireland, the ports of the Clyde, the Mersey, and the Bristol Channel; and other ports on the West Coast.

A convoy may occasionally slip through around the north of Scotland, but this is dangerous also, while German guns and mines at the Strait of Dover cut off access to the East Coast from that direction.

Save for coastal trade, the East Coast may be counted out for the time being. These conditions make the waters on the west of Scotland and the north of Ireland a happy hunting ground for German submarines and their aerial assistants, since this is the great focal area of traffic. The task of British ships and planes in dealing with them would be immensely simplified

if the northern and western Eire bases were available. Moreover, were Berehaven and Queenstown in British hands, it might be possible to give some protection to convoys coming through the western approaches, thus dividing the enemy's forces and increasing the mathematical chances of any particular convoy coming safely to port.

As for the German bombing attacks now being directed against British ports and industrial centres, it is to be noted that these are all part of a blockade programme—that is, an attack directed against communications.

The necessary concentration of British shipping activities at west coast ports permits the enemy likewise to concentrate his efforts. Even when these are directed at industrial areas such as Birmingham and Coventry, they are still part of the blockade scheme—the ultimate purpose of which is to prevent overseas supplies being translated into British war material.

It is, however, to be noted that for the most part German bombing attacks are taking place at night. In their day attacks their losses have proved to be prohibitive. Night attacks are much more difficult to stop by defensive means now available, though others may be presently perfected.

No form of attack has yet been devised by man against which a defence was not found in time. Moreover, night attacks necessarily reduce the accuracy of bombing, which reduces the chance of damage to individually important targets.

Meanwhile, Britain is effectively maintaining the grip of her own seablockade on Germany and German-conquered territory. In a military sense it is the relaxation of this blockade by capture or destruction of its bases in the island of Great Britain which is the principal German objective at the moment. That island also serves as a base for the British counter-offensive by air against German industries and military centres, which is having its effect upon the German war effort.

This counter-offensive has from the beginning been largely confined to night bombing, and has been handicapped by the greater average distance to German centres from British bases than from presently held German bases to British centres. However, if the British have no effective counter-agent to the night bomber, neither have the Germans; and the superior technique of the R.A.F. counts for much.

It may be suggested that the first belligerent to discover such a counter-agent will possess an enormous advantage in point of time. Time is indeed a factor of the greatest importance in this war. In the long run, if Britain can—as now seems probable—hold out through the winter, the spring will bring with it the beginning of a gradual change in Britain's favour as far as air power is concerned.

This is by reason of the fact that the vast industrial capacity of the United States, added to that of the Dominions, will begin to weight the scales in favour of Britain.

Germany neither has, nor can acquire, any distant armories such as these, out of reach of direct attack. If the products of those distant plants can but be assured of reaching the embattled British island, they should begin, as spring arrives, to increase British security against air attack, while increasing the power of her counter-offensive against Germany.

For the moment then, the chief task of Britain is to keep her great island base secure and keep its communications with North America and the rest of the outer world open.

The chief task of Germany must be to reduce that base or isolate it before its offensive possibilities can be fully exploited to back up the effect of the British sea blockade.

Weighing all factors, favourable and unfavourable, a considered judgment, based on the best military information available in England, must conclude that while the chief danger is to the British sea communications, chances seem in favour of Britain in this immediate contest. Those chances would be enhanced almost to the point of certainty (if anything can be certain in war) by the acquisition of the Irish bases by Britain, or by a serious embolism of Germany in an eastern or south-eastern theatre of war, or both.

The latter possibility is largely bound up with the progress of events in the Mediterranean.

## Cards On The Table

In a recent article I expressed some scepticism about the idea broached by certain military experts that Hitler would seek to help Mussolini in his adversity, either by a drive through Bulgaria to the Turkish frontier or through Yugoslavia to Salonika. Goebbels had just rather pointedly announced that the thorough German always made the most careful preparations before delivering one of his smashing blows; and it seemed highly improbable that his chief would so far depart from this principle as to commit himself to an improvised expedition through difficult country, with possibly hostile populations, in the depths of winter. I suggested instead that he would seek to help his partner in a different way—by intensifying his bombing of British cities so as to prevent us from sending aircraft to the help of Greece, and by increasing his attacks on British shipping, so as to prevent us from sending warships to the Mediterranean.

Moreover, apart from the plight of Italy, a general speeding-up may well be a German necessity. If the oil situation is not immediately urgent, there is at least sufficient doubt whether German and still more, Italian supplies of petrol and lubricating oils would suffice to carry through the long war which we are prepared to fight. Again, to have something to show the German people, who have to stomach the disagreeable fact that, instead of ending in triumph last September, as they were led to expect, the war still has no end in sight, may also be for him highly desirable.

### The New Phase

The evidence now leaves little doubt that this is the new phase of the war decreed from Berlin. It has been compared with the dangerous emergency of April, 1917, but there are differences as well as similarities between the two occasions. The sinkings reported in recent weeks are by no means up to the level of 1917, and the problem they present is not the same as that which confronted us in that year. Then we were groping about for the means of countering the submarine, and in a serious uncertainty whether we should find it in time. Now we are in no doubt about the means, and our uncertainty, if any, is only about the sufficiency of them at our disposal to deal as forcibly and promptly with the danger as we should wish.

The other side of the comparison is equally important. In 1917 the U-boat could find its way into the Atlantic only through the bottle-neck of the Straits of Dover or round the north coast of

Scotland; now it has the French ports at its disposal, and can proceed straight from these into the Western seas. Then, as in the early months of this war, we had the French Fleet to help us in tracking down the enemy; now we have to do the whole business

By J. A. Spender

single-handed, with the further handicap that the use of the Irish naval bases is denied to us.

It is, perhaps, surprising that we have not suffered more under these disabilities than we actually have in the last five months. I well remember the anxious anticipations in March, 1918, when we had to face the possibilities that the Channel ports would fall into German hands. They were far gloomier than the worst we have suffered in these months. Whatever befalls, we can keep a good heart over this business, and, with the assurance given in Parliament recently that it is under the Prime Minister's special supervision, resist all temptation to go hunting for scapegoats.

In these circumstances it seems to me that we owe it to our friends everywhere, but especially in the United States, to explain to them exactly the position in which we are placed. When Lord Lothian on returning to America opened up the question of credits for Britain, there were some in this country who shook their heads and blamed him for a supposed indiscretion in this delicate matter. That was not at all the view taken in America. There he was thanked for his frankness in "laying the cards on the table."

### Time For Frankness

But they were not quite all the cards, or, at least not those which we should most wish to catch American eyes at this moment. We are not seriously troubled about the questions of money and credit which may arise between us and the United States in the course of next year. We feel in our bones that the American people, with their generous sympathies for our cause and the conviction they have so often expressed that it is also their cause and bound up with their security, will find a way through Johnson Acts and Neutrality Acts, or any other formal obstacles which would reduce these high matters to the level of cash and carry. But since they invite and welcome frankness, we need feel no hesitation in explaining to them that what we most need at this moment is the quick delivery of planes, ships, and all supplies which may help us to provide sufficient escorts and their equipment for our convoys, and so enable us to meet the German

speeding-up with a corresponding effort on our side. *Bis dat qui cito dat* is the motto for the hour.

Two things may be decided soon. First, whether the war is to be greatly prolonged and an even wider spread given to its destructiveness; and, second, whether we can spare enough from our own necessities to give the Greeks the aid we greatly desire to give them and which, given in time, may procure a decision in the war with Italy. There is a general consensus on both these matters in the United States.

### The Door Open

For the last three months the leaders of both the American parties have been telling their supporters that the British command of the Atlantic is almost as vital, if not quite as vital, an American interest as British, and both these parties have made the increase and speeding-up of aid to Britain a principal plank in their platforms. Nowhere than in the United States has there been a warmer or more generous sympathy with the Greeks in their heroic battle. We are not, therefore, forcing an entry into American politics but walking through an open door, if we seek at this moment to give precision and practical direction to these agreed conclusions.

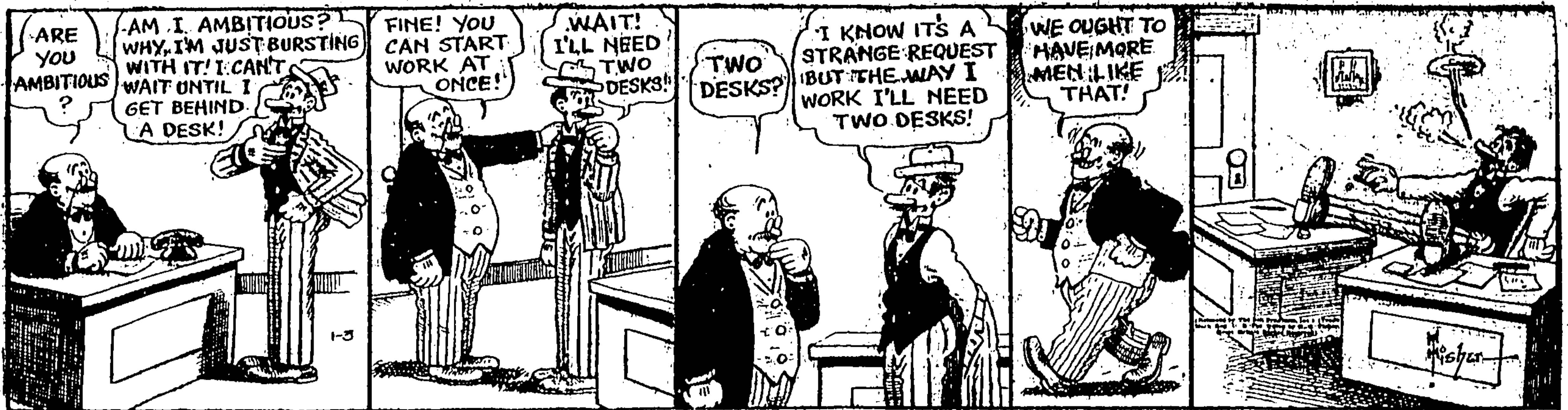
In the last three months the British and American peoples have come as near as possible to realising President Wilson's ideal of "open diplomacy." A great and stimulating debate has gone forward on the platform and in the Press of both countries, and President Roosevelt has come to rank with our own Prime Minister as one of the great educators and leaders of world opinion. But we have both had to realise that there is a gap between the acceptance of general principles by leaders and the realisation by the mass of the people of the action which is needed to give effect to them. Frank speaking on that subject is a necessary part of the democratic method.

British and American relations are on a footing on which we hardly think of them as diplomacy. The Americans are not watching and weighing and trying distractedly to make up their minds whether we or the Germans are going to win—which is the groundwork of diplomacy in Europe to-day. They have wholeheartedly given their vote to Britain and pledged themselves to send her all possible aid short of war. In dealing with America we are saved from the obscurities and complexities which make it so difficult to understand the European situation at any given moment.



## MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



## FROM 2,000 TICKETS TO CLOSE ON 950,000 IN MAMMOTH SWEEP

A special Hong Kong cash sweep on the Derby was inaugurated some 25 years ago, when tickets were sold at \$10 each. In 1922 the sale of tickets just topped the 2,000 mark, and in 1923 only 1,832 tickets were sold.

It will be interesting to note that the special sweeps on the big race were not run by Hong Kong Jockey Club but were originally conducted by the Chinese Club and, later on, South China Athletic Association also ran a sweep of their own.

In 1935, however, Jockey Club introduced the special \$1 sweep on the Hong Kong Derby. The scheme, as may be imagined, proved an immediate success and in the first year 148,240 tickets were sold to make it possible to pay out the sum of \$63,091.00 to the holder of the ticket on the winning pony.

The following year found the sale of tickets even more brisk, and with 164,390 tickets disposed of the first prize came to \$69,964.30. Each succeeding year found the sale of tickets growing, and in 1940 all expectations were exceeded when the total of 700,000 tickets printed by the Jockey Club were eagerly bought up. More, indeed, could have been sold but for the fact that it was found, at the last moment, impossible to have more tickets printed and stamped in time.

Benefitting from this experience, Jockey Club this year very naturally printed enough tickets to meet all demands, so much so that up till this afternoon the total number of chances sold came to almost 950,000!

In this connection it will be interesting to note that while this

### Mr. Holden Out Of Races

H. J. Holden, the Shanghai jockey, who sustained a nasty cut on the right knee when he was kicked by a pony just before the start of the second section of the Sydney Maidens yesterday, was taken to the War Memorial Hospital this morning on the advice of his doctor.

Mr. Holden will not take any further part in the Race Week and will probably return to Shanghai on Monday.

In the meantime it is learned that Messrs. C. B. Moller and Francis Noedt will take care of the Li Po-chun stable, for which Mr. Holden specially came down from Shanghai as first string jockey.

This will prove a great disappointment to both Mr. Holden and his supporters for he showed, in the two races that he took part in yesterday, that he is indeed a first class jockey.

sweep was previously run on the Hong Kong Derby, it has this year been switched over to the Rooter Hill Derby.

### HOW FAVOURITES FINISHED

The following table shows how the favourites have fared in the Hong Kong Derby over the past 10 years, together with the number of tickets each carried and the position obtained:—

| Year                                                                                                     | Pony                                                                         | Win  | Place | Post'n | Time   | Starters |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------|--------|--------|----------|
| 1931                                                                                                     | King's Service (Chang)                                                       | 1055 | 1384  | 1      | 3.09.4 | 11       |
| 1932                                                                                                     | Liberty Bay (Hill)                                                           | 3477 | 3014  | 1      | 3.04.4 | 11       |
| 1933                                                                                                     | Trentbridge (Needa)                                                          | 1716 | 853   | 1      | 3.06.3 | 9        |
| 1934                                                                                                     | Soldier of Britain (Sun)                                                     | 1328 | 964   | —      | —      | 13       |
| The winner was Hydroplane (Prodx), which carried 217 win and 239 place tickets, and the time was 3.16.2. |                                                                              |      |       |        |        |          |
| 1935                                                                                                     | Soldier of Honour (D. S. Li)                                                 | 1328 | 964   | —      | —      | 13       |
| 1936                                                                                                     | Herod (Davis) won in 3.09.3; Win tickets 823; Place tickets 485.             | 1598 | 988   | 3      | —      | 9        |
| 1937                                                                                                     | Royal Scot (Harriman)                                                        | 1645 | 795   | 4      | —      | 7        |
| 1938                                                                                                     | Honeymoon Eve (Needa) won in 3.14.3; Win tickets 641; Place 943.             | 2501 | 1758  | 2      | —      | 7        |
| 1939                                                                                                     | Rosemary (Leighton)                                                          | 2501 | 1758  | 2      | —      | 7        |
| 1940                                                                                                     | Happy Eve (Needa) won in 3.00.4; Win tickets 983; Place 689.                 | 2648 | 1402  | 2      | —      | 5        |
| 1941                                                                                                     | Desert Chief (Encarnacao)                                                    | 2648 | 1402  | 2      | —      | 5        |
| 1942                                                                                                     | Sikylight (Moller) won in 3.01.3; Win tickets 1312; Place 1049.              | 4048 | 2945  | 1      | 2.50.4 | 10       |
| 1943                                                                                                     | Navylight (Pih)                                                              | 4048 | 2945  | 1      | 2.50.4 | 10       |
| 1944                                                                                                     | Rose Elect (Encarnacao) won in 2.55.2 (Record); Win tickets 1900; Place 862. | —    | —     | —      | —      | —        |
| 1945                                                                                                     | Satinlight (Moller)                                                          | —    | —     | —      | —      | —        |

## COLONY BUDGET SLASHED

Hong Kong's Budget estimates for the year beginning April 1st, 1941, has been slashed by nearly two million dollars as the result of re-examination by the Select Committee of Legislative Council.

Although no precise details of the cuts are likely to be made available until Thursday's Budget debate, they affect principally the Harbour Department and works provided under the heading of Public Works Extraordinary.

This much is disclosed by Government's publication this morning of the draft Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding \$52,483,294 to the public service of the Colony in 1941-42, which represents a reduction of about \$1,750,000 on the Estimates as originally drafted.

Charitable services have received an additional \$10,000 as a result of the review by the Select Committee and an additional \$100,000 appears under the head of Miscellaneous Service.

The Harbour Department, however, has suffered a cut of \$600,000, the Medical Department of just over \$100,000 and Public Works Extraordinary, a cut of \$1,150,000.

To these items have to be added \$6,000,000 Military Contribution, \$2,158,421 on account of Public Debt, and provision for further expenditure of \$832,000 to be met out of the Waterworks Renewals and Improvements Fund.

### PORTUGUESE CHILD BADLY INJURED

A FOUR-YEAR-OLD PORTUGUESE LAD, FRANCISCO DECA, OF NO. 8, OBSERVATORY ROAD, WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON WHEN HE WAS KNOCKED DOWN BY AN UNCONTROLLED CAR RACING DOWN OBSERVATORY HILL.

He was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital.

The lad's Chinese amah, Ng Yen, was also hurt but was not detained.

It is believed that three boys, playing in Observatory Hill where the car, No. 4744, was parked, pushed the car and as a result the brakes relaxed and the car went racing down the hill.

After hitting the four-year-old boy and his amah, the vehicle ended its journey against a wall and was badly damaged.



Mr. Moller leading in Navylight, winner of the second race today. His Navylight won the first event, giving the Club a double two successive victories.

### TURKEY'S BID FOR BALKAN PEACE

The chief significance of the new Turco-Bulgarian declaration, according to Turkish political circles, is that Bulgaria binds herself not to attack Turkey or Greece, that is to say, not to march along with the Germans.

The question of Bulgaria's attitude to the German wish to march through Bulgaria is outside the scope of the declaration. According to Turkish inter-

mation, however, the Bulgarian Government is doing its best to persuade the Germans to keep out.

Political circles are non-committal regarding the possibility of a further development of Bulgarian relations in the direction of a defensive pact.—Reuter.

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# THAI AND GATHERING FAR EAST TENSIONS

## Doubt Japan's Ability To Push Object Through

### Risk To Tokyo Regarded As Considerable

THE FAR EASTERN crisis and its repercussions on Anglo-Thai relations in the light of Britain's precautionary military measures on the Thai-Malaya frontier continue to be the theme of editorials in leading Bangkok dailies.

They reassure Thais that Britain has only Japan in mind in making these preparations on the Thai-Malaya border.

The doubtful chances of the success of Japan's southward push against combined Anglo-American resistance is also discussed.

The "Supabbarus" says it is very well known that British preparations in Malaya are meant for Japan. England believes Japan may attack Singapore and it is her concern to take the necessary precautionary measures.

There is no cause for anxiety concerning Anglo-Thai relations for both B.B.C. broadcasts and Thai Government communiques agree that friendly relations remain unchanged and nothing can be more absurd than the report that Thailand will join Japan against England.

#### A Friend

The "Thai Rasdri" says the fact that England has sent troops to the Thai border has not occasioned any concern.

"We have a non-aggression pact with England. A gun-in-hand friend is no more dangerous to us than a walking stick."

The "Thai Num" says a Japanese writer stated that if Japan fights England, Singapore will be attacked from land and air, and it is probably because of this that England has taken precautionary measures. "Does England also fear aggression from Thailand? We like to convince England we have no such intention."

#### Japan's Risk

The "Sieng Thai" declares Japan has thrown in the greater part of her army in China and she cannot risk her navy in a fight with America.

In any case England, America and China will always be ready to halt the Japanese push whenever it comes. — Reuter.

#### U.S. FLEET MOVE REPORT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") PART OF THE UNITED STATES ASIATIC FLEET WILL SHORTLY PROCEED TO AUSTRALIA, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED IN FOREIGN CIRCLES IN SHANGHAI LAST NIGHT. — OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

### NAZIS MOVING INTO JAPAN

Now Germany is moving into Japan, says the "Daily Herald" this morning, and the Japanese Foreign Minister is obliged to announce the arrival of German technicians and to ask public support for the step.

This, remember, is a public which has been fed for years on the legend of Japanese self-sufficiency, of Japan's right and fitness to organise Asiatic life without European help or interference.

There was a time when Japan assiduously copied British methods and gained strength thereby. In recent years her extremists have reacted violently against this association only to collapse into the arms of the most calculating and treacherous of European allies — Hitler.

What will the Japanese people think about this confession of weakness and dependence upon a so-called equal party in the Axis?

#### How Long?

How long will they and all other populations whose leaders have accepted the "new order" endure their position of inferiority when every week brings fresh evidence of the Nazis' boundless ambition and rapacity?

While we fight the Nazis let us remember the bewildered populations who are being harnessed to Hitler's purpose of world conquest. Their disillusionment may hasten the collapse of Nazism's whole crazy structure. — Reuter.

### VIOLENT SWOOP BY R.A.F.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") SWARMS OF BRITISH BOMBERS HAVE BLASTED NESTS OF GERMAN DIVE BOMBERS IN SICILY AS WELL AS ITALIAN BASES IN ALBANIA, ITALY AND AFRICA, LEAVING A SWATH OF DAMAGED PLANES AND WRECKED BUILDINGS.

This list of targets is like a gazetteer of Italian Mediterranean and African possessions. The assault was concentrated on Catania and Brindisi. — International News Service.

### DE VALERA TAKES DEFENCE PRECAUTIONS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mr. Eamon de Valera has ordered the evacuation of Irish women and children from Dublin and Kingstown to the interior. — International News Service.

### BID FOR AXIS SHIPS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PRIVATE CONCERNS IN THE UNITED STATES ARE REPORTED TO BE IN NEGOTIATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF 29 ITALIAN AND GERMAN SHIPS WHICH ARE LAID UP AT PRESENT IN UNITED STATES HARBOURS.

It is believed that a sale is possible on a dollar basis and with Government permission.

As the ships may eventually go to Britain, it is stated in Washington that United States Government will not put up any obstacles. — International News Service.

### A.R.P. TUNNEL TEST

The experiment carried out in the A.R.P. Tunnel opposite the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, to test the exhaust fan system of ventilation this morning, proved successful, the test being completed with a single "casualty," according to an A.R.P. Department spokesman.

Fifteen hundred coolies were engaged to enter the Tunnel and they were accompanied by medical practitioners whose services were, however, not needed throughout the experiment.

It was denied that there was any demonstration on the part of the coolies demanding an increase of 15 cents each for their services.

There was a brief delay in carrying out the experiment when the coolies requested assurances that they would be paid in cash instead of by coupons, payable elsewhere.

This was immediately settled when the contractors arrived on the scene.

Each coolie received 25 cents, the original payment agreed upon.

### MR. MATSUOKA REITERATES JAPAN'S POLICY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

MR. MATSUOKA, Japanese Foreign Minister stated in the Diet yesterday that Japan did not claim leadership in East Asia but that she was capable of such leadership.

He said that Japan would never abandon her policy of establishing an East Asiatic order.

Mr. Matsuoka admitted a deadlock in the negotiations with the Dutch East Indies, but said that he expected trade talks with the Dutch East Indies to be resumed shortly.

The Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Hoshino, outlined Japan's aims in the South Seas and said it was hoped to achieve these aims by peaceful negotiations. He admitted that war would, on the other hand, bring disaster to the nation, but said that Japan would resist any attempt to hinder the proper solution. — International News Service.

### SANTANDER HAVOC

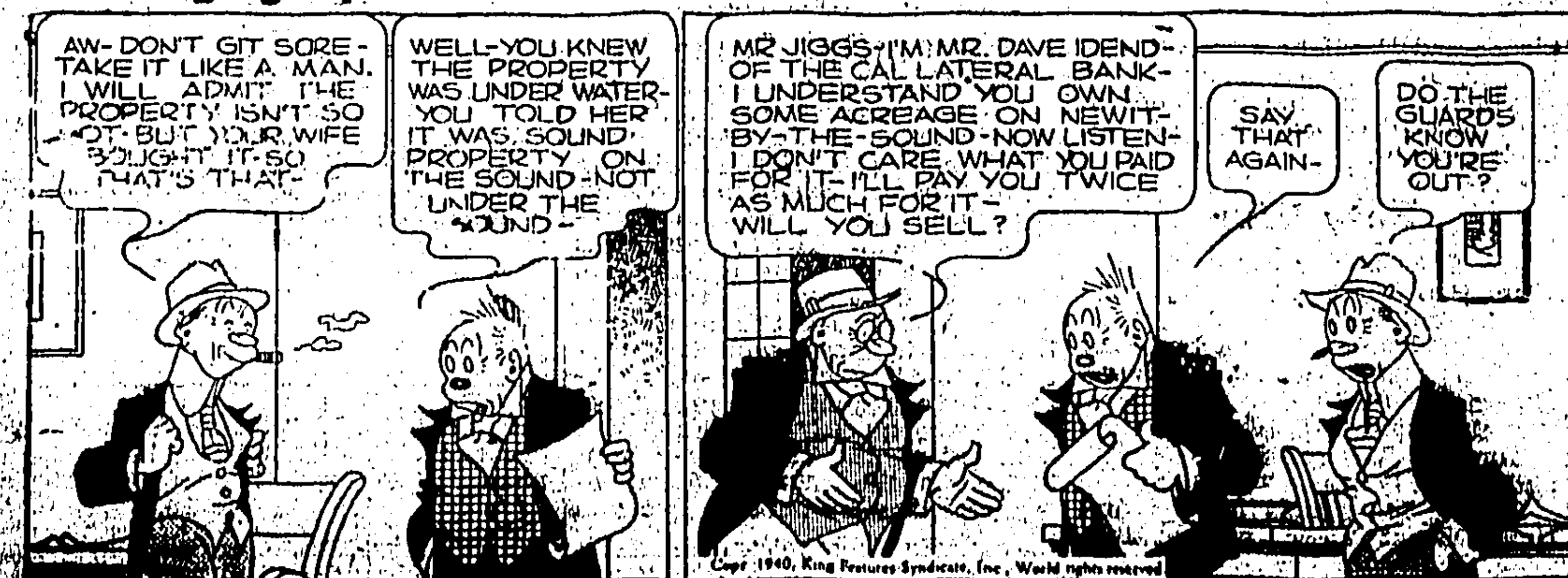
(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A third of Santander has been destroyed in the huge fire which broke out yesterday morning and is still raging.

The authorities hope to control the fire by nightfall "unless complications develop."

At least 100 have been killed and injured and 30,000 rendered homeless. — International News Service.

#### Bringing Up Father



#### By George MacManus





# OOLONG'S DERBY

(Continued from Front Page.)

In the home stretch, however, Navylight, cleverly ridden by Mr. Moller, came up fast and the three ponies were almost neck and neck over the last 100 yards, with Eve of Harvest on the rails, Confusion Bay in the centre and Navylight on the outside.

Navylight just produced that extra finish and secured a narrow win, with Eve of Harvest just beating Confusion Bay. Dupont Bay was a poor fourth.

Yesterday, Confusion Bay ran nplaced in the Challenge Cup over 1 1/4 miles, in which Eve of Harvest placed second to O-Lan in record-breaking time and Navylight ran unplaced.

Navylight's win paid \$72.40 on the pari-mutuel.

## Hat Trick Foiled

The Austral Black Rock Stakes broke the run of Moller successes. Starlight (Mr. Moller) being beaten into second place by Fleetwing (Mr. Poy), the favourite, by three lengths after leading up to the Rock.

King's Welcome looked dangerous in the back straight, where it overhauled Starlight, only to lose its advantage over the next 10 yards, and it was again in front at the 1 1/4 mile gate, at which juncture Mountain View came up with a rush. At the mile starting gate Starlight, Fleetwing, which had been lying third all the way, and Mountain View were almost in line, but Fleetwing then asserted its obvious superiority and won convincingly, with Starlight second, a length ahead of Mountain View and King's Welcome a poor fourth.

## Runaway Win

The Governor's Cup event proved to be a very tame affair, a poor start—Dashing Beauty was left standing—seeing United Express, the red hot favourite, shoot out in front without any possibility of being caught. Tien Tien and Casino followed about eight lengths behind, Chateaugay was six lengths further behind, with Zadderday some distance behind, and Dashing Beauty bringing up the rear.

Tien Tien had the better of Casino and Chateaugay was fourth.

United Express was an easy winner in the first section of the Sydney Maidens yesterday.

## Cup Presented

At the conclusion of the race a very pleasant ceremony was held in the Stewards' Room when His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut.-General E. F. Norton, presented the Governor's Cup to Mr. Hsu Yiu Tong, owner of United Express, in the presence of the Stewards and a number of friends.

In calling upon His Excellency to make the presentation, Mr. T. E. Pearce, Chairman of the Stewards, said he wanted first to extend a welcome to His Excellency on behalf of the Stewards and members of the Club, and to say how grateful they were to His Excellency for coming down in such weather to make the presentation. The Governor's Cup, said Mr. Pearce, had been established for a very long period and owners valued the trophy very highly. He had had the pleasure of winning the Cup, presented by the late Sir Francis Henry May, many years ago, and the Cup occupies a place of honour in his home.

Mr. Pearce went on to say he was afraid the racing was rather a wash-out, but explained that the owners were keeping their ponies for to-morrow's racing. He assured His Excellency, however, that the Governor's Cup had been won by a very gallant and one of the best subs of the year.

In making the presentation His Excellency said that he would like to say he considered himself very lucky in that he had been able, during his short term of office here, to present the trophy. At one period, His Excellency said, he thought he would just miss it.

"I echo Mr. Pearce's regret that the races have been somewhat spoiled by the weather," said His Excellency, adding that it was a great pleasure for him to hand this trophy to such a long standing supporter of the Club and the owner of such a gallant pony.

## A Real Upset

The Gymkhana Handicap provided a real upset when Conquering Time (Moller), coming up on the rails, dead-heated with Eve of Reason, which was brilliantly ridden by Mr. Daffey Davis, who

## DAILY DOUBLE DIVIDEND

To-day's Daily Double, on Dutch Treat and Bendemeer, paid \$129.70.

took the pony up from 15th place at the Rock to first position, at the mile post, despite having to take a wide berth on the bend into the home straight. Both these ponies were rank outsiders, having together only 275 of the 4,264 win tickets! The third pony, Hughber, only a short head behind, had only 42 win tickets on it. Hillsboro Bay, a warm favourite, was fourth.

Hughber led all the way to the mile starting gate, while Jennifer, which went out 12lb. overweight, was second up to the Rock. The highly fancied Lilliber, Johnher and Galaxy finished nowhere.

At the tiffin interval Mr. C. B. Moller led the jockeys' list for the day with two wins and a second in four starts, while Mr. W. H. S. Davis had a win and a second in three starts. The Clre (Moller) Stable had two wins and a second.

## The Derby

As expected, the following seven ponies faced the starter in the Hong Kong Derby:

Charlesber (Chao).  
Eve of Deception (Tao).  
Eve of Grandeur (Davis).  
Lovelylight (Noodt).  
Oolong (Needa).  
Velvetlight (Moller).  
World Fair View (Pih).

Oolong was made a hot favourite, with Charlesber second in demand and followed by Velvetlight.

The conditions were the worst experienced so far at this meeting, the drizzle having been replaced by steady rain, and the track, though attended to during the tiffin interval, was showing unmistakable signs of wear, several pools having already formed on the cinder track.

World Fair View came out on the track quite sometime before the others. Oolong, like its stable companion Confusion Bay, was wearing blinkers. Charlesber, making its first appearance, looked very fit and was in a lively mood prior to the start.

## Start Delayed

World Fair View, held by a maffoo, delayed the start, but the field was sent away at the second attempt and Charlesber shot out in front, followed by Eve of Grandeur and Oolong. Passing the stands for the first time Charlesber was leading, followed closely by Oolong, Lovelylight, World Fair View and Velvetlight. At the football stands Charlesber and Oolong were three lengths ahead of World Fair View, with Velvetlight going up slightly.

Approaching the Rock Charlesber faltered badly and Velvetlight, whipped by Mr. Moller, shot to the front. Entering the straight, however, Oolong had taken the lead on the rails and, despite being whipped again, Velvetlight failed to make any impression on it and Oolong won by a length. Six lengths behind was Lovelylight, with Charlesber and World Fair View fourth and fifth.

## Proud Owner's Plans

Mr. T. K. Li, proud owner of Oolong, was confident of the ability of his pony to win, and he is now planning to enter O-Lan, Confusion Bay and Oolong for the Champions on Saturday. He also feels sure that his Oracle—a bay with white hair—will do well in the Austral Derby two races later. This is Mr. Li's second season of racing in the Colony.

## Outsider Wins

The Garrison Cup was won by Mr. Hollandia's Dutch Treat (Mr. Botelho) by a short head from Black Seal, the hot favourite, with Bugle third and Lex Fori fourth. Dutch Treat paid \$78.50 for its win.

Dutch Treat, Anzac Day, Corriedoo and Daylight were all prominent in the early stages, but Daylight was unable to stand the pace and dropped back in the back straight.

## Easy Win

Mr. Li Lan-sang's Distant View (Mr. Pih) made short work of the Austral Derby, leading all the way round and winning by many lengths from Oracle, cleverly ridden by Mr. Needa. First Love was third and Gray Fox fourth.

The race was run in heavy rain and visibility was very poor. Passing the stands for the first time Distant View was leading,

# AIR RAID ON LONDON LAST NIGHT

The enemy air attack on London last night, which lasted about three and a half hours, was not on a large scale and except in one instance, where a number of people were killed and injured, casualties were few.

A number of fires were started by incendiary bombs but were quickly extinguished and damage generally was slight.

Areas chiefly affected, says the Air Ministry, were London and surrounding districts and East Anglia.

Activity over East Anglia was widespread and continued throughout the hours of darkness.

Reports hitherto received show that damage was slight and the number of casualties is likely to be small.

There was little activity elsewhere and one enemy bomber was destroyed during the night.—Reuter.

# Hard Road To Victory

THE RAPID CRYSTALLISATION OF OPINION IN THE UNITED STATES IN FAVOUR OF ACTIVELY ASSISTING THE DEMOCRACIES AGAINST AGGRESSION HAS BEEN THE IMPORTANT EVENT OF THE PAST YEAR, DECLARED MR. MACKENZIE KING, IN A SPEECH IN THE CANADIAN HOUSE OF COMMONS TO-DAY.

He said the growing might of the United States towers like an impending avalanche above the heads of the aggressor nations.

Although he had no doubt of the final victory, he thought the road would be much harder, longer and more terrible than most people imagined.

He added that he considered the creation of an Imperial War Cabinet now would not facilitate the Empire's war effort. — Reuter.

# JAPANESE FINED

A Japanese, Zenosuke Hara, 40, described as an accountant, residing at No. 58, Kennedy Road, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, with a breach of the Defence Regulations, by conveying 11 letters into the Colony, otherwise than through the post.

Detective-Sergeant Brooks of the Special Branch, who prosecuted, said defendant was seen on board a junk lying off Wanchai Praya on Monday morning.

Defendant had in his possession a packet containing 11 letters, all of them commercial and private letters.

Defendant admitted that the letters were taken from a trawler from Formosa recently.

A fine of \$50 was imposed.

followed by National Courage, Coloomba and Vis Major. At the football stands First Love began to move up and was fourth in the back straight.

The highly fancied Nomine Poenae and A Happy Time were always in the rear and had too much ground to recover when entering the home stretch.

## Favourites Come In

The three most fancied ponies came in correct order in the second section of the Perth Plate, Bendemeer (Mr. Needa) winning, with Royal Sovereign second, Newborn Star third and Bone-shaker fourth. Heavy rain was still falling and only a group of three could be seen on the inside of the Valley, apart from the police on duty and ambulance attendants. The cinder track looked like a canal and the grass track was quickly becoming one mass of pools. The grass plots in front of the grandstand are being protected by several layers of straw.

# STOP PRESS

To-morrow's (Wednesday's) Race Meeting has been postponed till Saturday. The first saddling bell will be at 11 a.m.

Saturday's Races are put forward to Monday. First Saddling Bell at 11 a.m.

This means that the Big Sweep is postponed further until Saturday.

## 12.—WAKOOL HANDICAP.—One Mile.

Kia Ora's Many Thanks, 159 lb. .... (H. J. Hearn) 1  
G. Tinson's Vixen Tor, 147 lb. .... (F. Noodt) 2  
T. L's Pumpernickel, 153 lb. .... (B. L. Tao) 3

## CASH SWEEP

### Race 12

|          |           |
|----------|-----------|
| No. 2058 | \$2576.70 |
| " 1284   | 736.20    |
| " 243    | 368.10    |

Unplaced runners (\$50 each), Nos.: 5204, 2849, 5253, 1938, 90, 1319, 1086, 306, 1789, 5128, 4414, 157 and 5547.

A protest was lodged at the end of the Lusitano Cup, but at the time of going to press no decision had yet been made.

It is believed that by winning the Amoy Handicap on Eve of Peace, Mr. R. M. Wood graduated from the novice class. The race was run in terrible conditions, the rain being so heavy that the ponies were not visible from the stands.

In an inter-unit rugger competition match this afternoon, Royal Engineers defeated Middlesex by 3 points to nil. A second match arranged was postponed.



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